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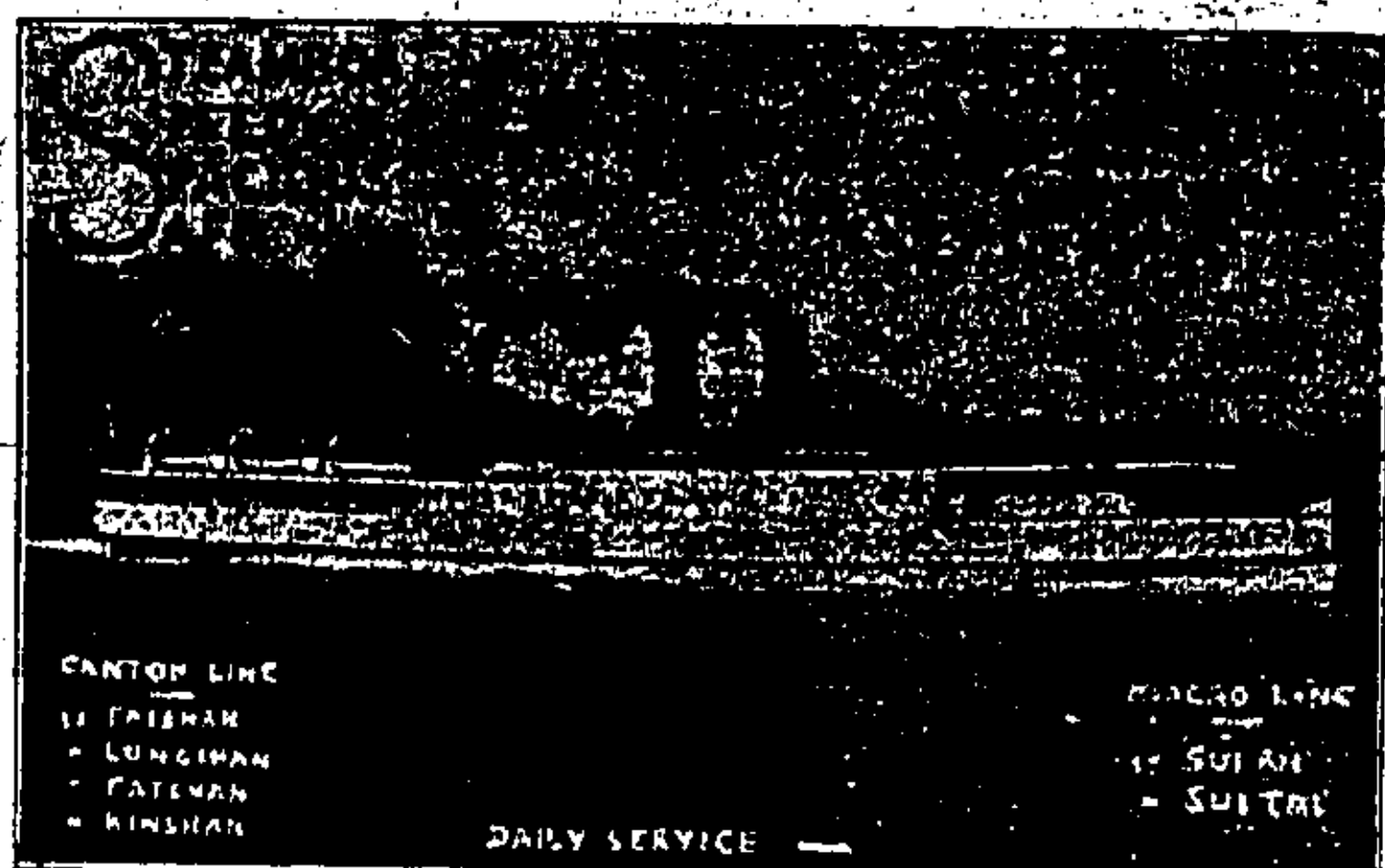
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HISTORIC EVENT IN THE SAAR

Hitler's Deputy Deals With The Issue

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Kaiserslautern, Jan. 9.

The spirit in which the whole German people approaches the historic event in the Saar plebiscite on Sunday next, an occurrence felt to be pregnant with significance for the future of all Europe, was depicted on Wednesday night by the regional leader, Buerckel, Hitler's deputy in the Saar territory in an exhaustive pronouncement to representatives of the German and Foreign Press. Buerckel's message can be epitomised in the opening sentence, "after January 13 the way is clear for reconciliation."

Buerckel said that the world is now asking itself the question "Next Sunday who will be victor, who will be loser?" If into these questions one reads the international meaning then the result of the plebiscite—no matter how it turns out—must inevitably be the starting point of new conflicts, the whole event being thus interpreted as a contest between Germany and France. But a more conscientious consideration into the real issues involved reveals that actually the Saar question is no longer one of foreign political conflict but as a liquidating act of all that has gone before. As soon as the Saar question is removed from the sphere of international discussions, it seems a purely German affair because it is capable of being solved by Germans and Germans only.

Buerckel then dealt with the much discussed possibility of the plebiscite ending in the prolongation of the status quo, declaring that this would be a thoroughly insincere contingency, serving to conceal the meaning of the whole ballot and the real point at issue. From the German standpoint, the plebiscite was a question of "for or against the Fatherland" but that is admittedly only one side of the problem. All separatist movements in the Rhineland for the last few years have resembled one another as closely as peas in one pod. Had the League of Nations really consented to a second plebiscite at some future date, it would have been plain violation of the provisions of the Saar statute. The status quo and its duration would never be determinable by the Saar population but would always be dependent upon the will of foreign governments and political events outside of Germany.



Gauleiter, Buerckel, plenipotentiary of the Leader and Reich Chancellor Adolf Hitler for the Saar

Renouncement of sovereignty over the Saar by the League of Nations would depend upon the unanimity of the League of Nations Council, which would never be guaranteed. Germans of Saar would never voluntarily place the fate of German soil in the hands of foreign people and foreign governments. Whoever advocates a continuance of the status quo really aims at separating the Saar from Germany forever.

Transocean Kuo Min.

Football—First Division, Royal Artillery v. South China "B" (Caroline Hill); Police v. South China "A" (Kowloon Ground); Chinese Athletic v. Club (Club Ground), East Lancashires v. St. Joseph's (Military Ground, Happy Valley), Royal Welch Fusiliers v. Kowloon (Chatham Road), 4 p.m.; Second Division, Eastern v. South China, University v. Kowloon, East Lancashires v. Club, 2.30 p.m.; Chinese Athletic v. Royal Navy, 4 p.m.; Third Division, R.A.M.C. v. Police, Club de Reccelo v. Railway, Royal Air Force v. Radio Sports Club, Royal Engineers v. Royal Welch Fusiliers, 2.30 p.m. Hockey—Ladies' Interport Trial (King's Park), 2.45 p.m.; Friendly matches, Y.M.C.A. v. "Incognitos," 5.15 p.m. Rugby—Combined Services v. Club (Sookpoo), 4.15 p.m. Yachting—Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Fifth Championship for Racing yachts.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

TO-DAY

Friday, Jan. 11
Anniversaries.—Birthday of Sir Guroo Goyind Singh JI.

Cinemas
King's—"City Of Song."
Queen's—"Gift Of Gab."
Central—"The Lost Special."
Oriental—"Falling For You."
World—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra—"Handy Andy."
Majestic—"Mr. Skitch."
Star—"The Wandering Jew."
Dances.—St. George's Society Annual Ball, Peninsula Hotel; Garrison Lecture Hall, 8.30 p.m.
Meetings.—Kowloon Union Church General Committee, 9 p.m. Miscellaneous.—Local Sikh Community Celebration at the Sikh Temple.
Moon.—XII Moon, 7th Day.
Religious.—Christian Fellowship Meeting Helena May, 10.30 a.m. Speaker: Mr. K. K. Carpenter.

Sports
Badminton.—Mixed Doubles, St. Andrew's v. Talkoo R.C. Y.M.C.A. v. Club de Reccelo "B," 8 p.m.
Billiards.—Steel Coulson League, Royal Engineers v. St. Patrick's Club, Garrison Sergeants v. Royal Artillery, Chief and Petty Officers v. East Lancashires.
Hockey.—Triangular Tournament, Royal Navy v. Hong Kong Hockey Club (Navy Ground, King's Park), 4.30 p.m.; Friendly matches, Lincolnshire v. H.K.S.R.A., 4.30 p.m.; H.K.S.R.A. v. Hong Kong Hockey Club Juniors (Marsina), 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12

Cinemas
King's—"City Of Song."
Queen's—"Gift Of Gab."
Central—"The Lost Special."
Oriental—"Falling For You."
World—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra—"Handy Andy."
Majestic—"Mr. Skitch."
Star—"The Wandering Jew."
Entertainments.—Russian Church Concert and Dance, St. Andrew's Hall, 9 p.m.
Miscellaneous.—Tombola, Garrison Lecture Hall, 7.30 p.m.; Diocesan Girls' School Drill Display, 3 p.m.; Craigengower C.C. Whist Drive, 9 p.m.
Moon.—First Quarter, 4.55 a.m. XII Moon, 8th Day.

Sports

Cricket.—First Division, Craigengower C.C. v. Royal Navy (L); Hong Kong C.C. v. Indian R.C. (L); Club de Reccelo v. Civil Service C.C. (L); Second Division, Royal Navy v. Craigengower C.C. (L); Indian R.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. (L); Civil Service C.C. v. Club de Reccelo (L).

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**SILVER AND GOLD FOR
SPORTS**

Two important features of the
Autumn styles will be the en-
croaching of metallic fabrics into
sportswear and the "Cleopatra"
trend.

Silver and gold notes are des-
cending from the heights of for-
mal wear and are invading other
realms. Frances Drake, who ap-
peared in Paramount's *THE
TRUMPET BLOWS*, announces
that her early autumn wardrobe
will feature metallic fabrics for
morning, noon and night.

There will be lacy knit mate-
rials splashed with silvery threads
for morning, semi-tailored "near-
sports" lame frocks for afternoon
and gorgeous metal cloth sheath-
like gowns which every woman of
fashion tries to include in her
evening wardrobe.

One of the far-reaching pieces
of fashion influence from Para-
mount's *CLEOPATRA* is glimpsed
in an elaborate evening costume
worn by Elissa Landi in *THE
GREAT FLIRTATION*. Designed
by Travis Banton, this diaphan-
ous white chiffon dress is topped
by a glittering collar of large,
diamond-shaped stones. This is
an entirely new fad which com-
bines an unusual neckline with
completely original jewellery.



THE CORSAGE ERA

Mae West, whose latest Para-
mount film is *BELLE OF THE
NINETIES*, has revolutionised the
corsage era in Hollywood for the
second time this season.

First she brought back violets
to favour and now her favourite
floral adornment is a cluster of
white carnations—about four or
five, tightly wired together to
give the effect of a huge pom-
pom.

She pins this at the throat of
a printed frock or to the lapel of
a black crepe topcoat, and for
the evening, mixes one or two
red ones with the white. Their
spicy perfume is just the thing for
warm summer and autumn days.

BLACK AND WHITE

Transparent white dresses over
black crepe slips! It sounds
rather strange to the average
fashion mind, but it's "the thing"
in Hollywood.

Sylvia Sydney, in Paramount's
THIRTY DAY PRINCESS, wears
a youthful formal frock of
white crossbar muslin over
a black crepe-de-chine slip.

Sylvia Sydney, starring in Para-
mount's *THIRTY DAY PRIN-
CESS*, wears a youthful formal
frock of white crossbar muslin
over a black crepe-de-chine slip.
The effect is so smart that every-
one is following Sylvia's lead.



NEW COCKTAIL SUITS

An uncommon fabric which is
rapidly gaining in popularity for
cocktail parties in Hollywood is
called straw cloth.

Gertrude Michael, in *MUR-
DER AT THE VANITIES*, wears
a smart outfit of this mate-
rial in white and explains that
the reason for its name is that
the loose weave resembles wicker
or rush furniture.

SMART SPORTS ATTIRE

One of the smartest sports en-
sembles in Hollywood is being
worn by Grace Bradley, who ap-
pears in Paramount's *COME OF
MADNESS*.

Dark brown and with a broad
sleeve, it has a wide, flat

**ROUND THE
SHOPS**

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More cold days are expected, so
here's a grand opportunity of buy-
ing good quality coats, suits and
woollen dresses at this great sale.
Imagine being able to buy a good
Tweed coat at \$19.75 only! They
are of such good quality material
too, many fur trimmed models to
be cleared at \$39.50. Other models
from \$25.50 to \$49.50, the majority
of these coats before the sale were
from \$60 upwards. There were so
many to choose from that it is im-
possible to describe them all. I
noticed a rust coloured costume at
\$13.75 only and I must say it was
ever so smart looking too. There
are some wonderful bargains to be
picked up at really ridiculous
prices.

MAIZEES

Maizees' sale is all over now,
and she is putting out all her
lovely new goods. Lovely after-
noon dresses in blues and grays in
time for the Race Meeting. Also,
I must not forget to mention the
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solutely the last word in fashion,
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seen in the shops yet.

EVE

There are still some very nice
looking coats left at Eve's sale yet,
especially her Spring models, to be
cleared at \$22.50, very smart, nice
lines and in many shades.

MAYOS

Beautiful fur felts to be made
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**PYJAMA COSTUMES STILL
POPULAR**

Who said the pyjama mode was
over?

This is far from true, judging
by costumes seen in Hollywood
recently.

Mariene Dietrich, whose next
Paramount film is *CARNIVAL IN
SPAIN*, was seen emerging from
one of the most popular hotels in
an original and novel pyjama
costume.

Black satin predominated and
was fashioned into long, tailored
but rather full pyjama trousers,
plain high-heeled slippers and
gauntlet gloves. A blouse of
white crepe with a scarf effect
at the throat formed the top of
the costume, over which Miss
Dietrich wore a long, white
broadcloth coat with a black belt.

The star of *CARNIVAL IN
SPAIN* wore a becomingly draped
beret of black velvet and a sumptu-
ous silver fox fur. Her gloved
fingers carried twin rings which
matched her bracelets, also worn
over the gloves.

**The New Dinner
Hats**

The size of the dinner hat will
be a question of personal taste
this winter and women may wear
exactly what style suits them
best.

Mae West, whose latest picture,
BELLE OF THE NINETIES, will
soon be seen on Sunday, has
chosen two distinctly opposite
types for her "dinner date"
wardrobe.

One is a small version of the
smart Cleopatra hat. A skull cap
of black wool is flanked across the
forehead with pheasant feathers
and accented at each side by
whole pheasant wings. This
model gives a decided feeling of
the siren of the Nile and is ideal
for dancing.

In contrast to this is a broad
brimmed affair of black velvet.
The brim, however, is designed to
make life bearable for the dance
partner, for it sweeps to one side
and leaves ample space for him
to converse as intimately as he
desires.



RIBBED FABRICS

Ribbed fabrics will figure prom-
inently in the newest fashions
throughout the winter.

Patricia Ellis, who appeared in
"HERE COMES THE GROOM", is
very fond of a costume in dark
brown, ribbed silk with a gold
thread supplying the inevitable
metallic touch.

A lapel of sable lends a touch
of luxury and the fur also trims
her large, brown velvet hat and
the gauntlet gloves.

**ALPACA FOR THE
EVENINGS**

A fabric which will be popular
in Hollywood evening fashions
this winter is the good old
fashioned alpaca, only with a
silky finish.

Claudette Colbert, star of Para-
mount's *CLEOPATRA*, is wearing
a charming dinner gown in this
material in a beautiful tangerine
colour. A smart little jacket
with wide rolled lapels is worn
in the same colour and material.

LOOPED TRAINS

Elissa Landi, appearing in Para-
mount's *THE GREAT FLIRTATION*,
was seen at a smart re-
saurant recently wearing a gown
which embodied one or two in-
teresting new features.
This was a formal gown of gold

sequins with the low décolletage
accepted by fashion authorities.
The gown incorporated a volu-
minous train which could be
suspended by a loop of sequins
while dancing, or allowed to
sweep gracefully over the floor.



COLOUR RUNNING WILD

Colour has suddenly gone wild
in Hollywood fashions. Claudette
Colbert, star of Paramount's
Paramount's *CLEOPATRA*, says
that she has become tired of the
conventional manner of combin-
ing harmonising shades in her
costumes.

"I've decided to put the most
daring shades of the rainbow to-
gether and see what happens,"
says Miss Colbert. "For instance,
a deep shade of fuchsia lining a
lavender wrap of cerise crepe can be
worn over prints over yellow
or over the wildest colours one
can possibly have."

So that's the trend,
and it is smart to combine the
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12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30-1 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room (by courtesy of the Management).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Press News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-11 p.m.—European Programme.

7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, London and New York Stock and Commodity Quotations.

7.08-7.33 p.m.—Band Selections from Operas.

Aida—Introduction and Moorish Ballet (Verdi).

Aida—Grand March and Finale (Verdi).

La Traviata—Drinking Song and Gypsy Chorus (Verdi).

La Traviata—Prelude Act. 111 (Verdi).

Carmen—Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo—Selection (Bizet).

7.33-8 p.m.—Variety.

Song—What more can I ask? Song—Brighter than the Sun—Anona Winn (Soprano).

Duet—Arlene.

Duet—Waltz at the gate for Katy—Layton and Johnstone.

Instrumental—Kitten on the Keys.

Instrumental—Canadian Capers—The Six Keyboard Kings.

Song—You were so charming. Sing—I'm your slave—Charles (Gerry) Fitz Gerald. (Tenor).

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8-8.33 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Violin and Pianoforte Recital by Professor F. Gonzalez and Mrs. Luba Shafstain.

Programme

1. Violin Solos: Suite by Goldmark, Op. 11. 1st Movement—Allegro. 2nd Movement—Andante Sostenuto.

2. Pianoforte Solos: (a) Fuga—Bach. (b) Rondo—Dagulin. (c) Tambourin—Rameau Godevsky.

3. Violin Solos: Fuga in A Minor—Tartini—Kreutzer. Danse Espagnole—Falla—Kreutzer. La Vida Breve—Falla—Kreutzer.

8.33-9 p.m.—Orchestral Music. Rondo aus der Haffner Serenade (Mozart).

Cockaigne Concert Overture, Op. 40 (Elgar).

Le Carnaval Romain—Overture (Berlioz, Op. 9).

9-9.45 p.m.—From the Studio. A 30th Recital of Gramophone Records by The Rev. C. B. R. Sargent.

9.45 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, London 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity Quotations.

9.50-10 p.m.—Quartets.

Quartet No. 1 in D Major—Finale Allegro (Dittersdorf).

Barcarolle—Transcription (Tschakovsky).

Gavotte—Transcription (Gluck).

10-11 p.m.—From the Studio. Dance Music by the R.M.S. "Ranchi" Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, Further London Stock and Commodity Quotations.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMME
4.30 p.m.—Big Ben—A Brass Band Concert. Blackburn's Steelworks Band, conducted by J. A. Hughes. March, the Exile (Weaver). Overture, Le Duc d'Orléans (Auber). Cornet Solo, Carnival de Venice (Soloist, Master T. Berry). (Arban). Excerpts from "The Grand Duchess" (Offenbach). Selection, Communityland (arr. Stoddon).

5.15 p.m.—Talk: "Under Big Ben" Mr. Howard Marshall. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.30 a.m.

5.30 p.m.—The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra. (Leader, Daniel Melsa). Conductor, Eric Fogg. Suite, The Months, Op. 37a. (1) January: By the Fireside. (2) February: Carnival. (3) March: Song of the Lark. (4) April: The Snowdrop. (5) May: Midnight Sun. (6) June: Barcarolle. (7) July: Mower's Song. (8) August: The Harvest. (9) September: The Chase. (10) October: Autumn. (11) November: In a Sledge. (12) December: Christmas (Tschakovsky, arr. Salabert).

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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QUOTATIONS

New York, January 10.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York/London Cross-rate	4.92 1/2	4.91 1/2	4.92 1/2	1 1/2 up
New York Cotton—May	12.70	12.70	12.70	.08 off
New York Rubber—May	14.06	13.99	14.13	.13 off
Chicago Wheat—May	1.02 1/2	1.01	1.01 1/2	1/8 off
Chicago Corn—May	91 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	1/8 off
Montreal Silver—March	—	—	54.70	20 up
Silver—Official	—	—	54 1/2	8 up
Dow Jones Averages	High—1933/34	Low—Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Change
30 Industrials	110.75	84.38	105.03	108.05
20 Rails	66.94	32.85	37.15	36.88
20 Utilities	37.73	17.60	17.54	17.75
40 Bonds	96.46	94.73	96.62	96.66
11 Commodity Index	65.46	41.98	62.10	61.72

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Adams Express	74	61
Air Reduc (3)	114 1/2	115
Alaska Jun (1.002)	19 1/2	19 1/2
Allied Chem (6)	138 1/2	138 1/2
Allis Chalmers	17	17
Am. Brake Shoe (80)	29 1/2	28 1/2
Amer. Can (4)	115 1/2	114 1/2
Am. Comm. Alcohol (25)	31	30 1/2
Am. Cyanamid "B" (25dr.)	16 1/2	16 1/2
Am. Express (6)	102 1/2	103
Am. For. Pwr. \$7 1st Pf.	20 1/2	20
Am. Locomotive	20	19 1/2
Am. Metal Co.	16 1/2	15 1/2
Am. Pwr. and Lt.	34	33
Am. Radiator	15 1/2	15 1/2
Am. Smelting	38 1/2	38 1/2
Am. Sug. Ref (2)	67	67
Am. T. and T. (9)	105 1/2	105 1/2
Am. Tob "B" (5)	86 1/2	85
Am. Waterworks (1)	14 1/2	14 1/2
Am. Waterworks \$6 pref (6)	59	58 1/2
Anacosta Copper	12	11 1/2
Atch. T. and S. F. (25d.)	55 1/2	54 1/2
Atlantic Ref. (1)	24 1/2	24 1/2
Atlas Corp.	9 1/2	9 1/2
Auburn Automobile	27 1/2	27 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	64	64
Baltimore & Ohio	14 1/2	14 1/2
Be. d. Aviation	16 1/2	16 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	33 1/2	34
Boeing Airplane	9 1/2	9 1/2
Borden Co. (1.60)	24 1/2	24 1/2
Borg. Warner (1dr.)	30	29 1/2
Brook Man—(3)	39 1/2	40
Cal. Pack (125)	39 1/2	39
Case	58 1/2	58 1/2
Canadian Pacific	12 1/2	12 1/2
Caterpillar Tract	39 1/2	39 1/2
Celanese	34	33 1/2
Ch. Nat. Bk. (1.40)	25 1/2	26 1/2
C'Peake Corp. (2.50)	44	44
C'Peake Corp. and Ohio (2.80)	45	45
Chrysler (1d)	40 1/2	40 1/2
Col. Gas & Elec.	7	7 1/2
Com. Invest. Trust	61 1/2	61 1/2
Comm. Solv. (.60)	23 1/2	23
Comm. Stn. (1)	14	14
Comm. Stn. \$6 cum. Pf. (6)	31	31 1/2
Congo-Nairn (1.80)	34 1/2	34 1/2
Cons. Gas. N.Y. (2)	19 1/2	20 1/2
Cons. Oil (.28)	8 1/2	8
Cont. Can (3)	66	66 1/2
Cont. Oil (.25)	17 1/2	17 1/2
Corn Prod (3)	36 1/2	36 1/2
Coty Inc.	64	64
Cwr. Cork \$2.70 P. (2.70)	43 1/2	43 1/2
Curtiss Wright	2 1/2	2 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	9 1/2	9 1/2
Delaware & Hudson	42 1/2	41 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	23 1/2	23 1/2
Dy. Pont. (2.602)	96 1/2	96 1/2
East. Kodak (4)	116 1/2	116 1/2
Elec. Autolite Co.	27 1/2	27 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	6 1/2	7
Elec. Bond \$5 Pf (5)	33 1/2	33 1/2
Elec. Bond \$6 Pf (6)	38	37 1/2
Elec. Power & Light	3	2 1/2
Fox Film "A"	12 1/2	12 1/2
Free. Texas (1.20)	24 1/2	24 1/2
Gen. Am. Tr. (1.00sa)	37 1/2	36
Gen. Elec. (.60)	22 1/2	23
Gen. Foods (1.80)	33 1/2	33 1/2
Gen. Motors (1d)	32 1/2	32 1/2
Gen. Rly. Sigs (1)	30	30
Gillette Saf (1)	14	14 1/2
Glidden Co. (1)	27 1/2	27 1/2
Gold Dust (1.20)	17 1/2	17 1/2

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Goodyear	25 1/2	25 1/2
Herc. Pwdr. (3d)	77 1/2	77 1/2
Illinois Central	16 1/2	16 1/2
Int. Cement	32	31
Int. Harv. (.60)	42	41 1/2
Int. Nick (.60)	23 1/2	24
Int. Tel. & Tel.	9 1/2	9 1/2
Johns Manville	55	55
Kennecott (151)	17 1/2	17 1/2
Krog. Gro. (1.502)	28 1/2	28 1/2
Lehman (2.40)	73 1/2	73 1/2
Lig. & Myers "B" (4)	108	107
Liq. Carb. (1)	30	30
Loew's (1)	32 1/2	33 1/2
Lorill. (1.20)	21	20 1/2
McIntyre (22)	41 1/2	42
Mont. Ward	29 1/2	29 1/2
Nash (1)	18 1/2	18 1/2
Nat. Bisc. (2)	29 1/2	28 1/2
Nat. City Bk. (1)	22 1/2	23 1/2
Nat. Da. P. (1.20)	16 1/2	16 1/2
Nat. Distillers	27 1/2	27 1/2
Nat. Pwr. Lt. (.80)	7 1/2	7 1/2
Nat. Steel (1)	49 1/2	49 1/2
N.Y. Central	20 1/2	20 1/2
N. Amer. (50c. 4% S)	12 1/2	13 1/2
Nor. Pacific	20 1/2	20 1/2
Otis Elec. (.60)	15	14 1/2
Owens-Ill. Gl. (3)	85	85
Pac. Gas (1.50)	14 1/2	14 1/2
Pac. Lng. (3)	22 1/2	23
Packard Motors	54	54
Pennroad Corp.	24	24
Penn. Rly. (1)	24 1/2	24 1/2
Phelps Dodge	15 1/2	15 1/2
Phil. Petro (1)	15	15 1/2
Pierce Arrow	14	14
Pro. & Gam (1.50)	43 1/2	44 1/2
Pub. Ser. N.J. (2.80)	24 1/2	24 1/2
Pullman Inc. (3)	51 1/2	51 1/2
Radio Corp.	5 1/2	5 1/2
Radio Keith Op.	24	24
Repub Steel	15	15
Rey. Tob "B" (3)	51 1/2	50 1/2
Schenley	27	26 1/2
Sears Roebuck	39 1/2	39
Shell Union Oil	7 1/2	7 1/2
Simmons Co.	10 1/2	10 1/2
Soc. Vac. (.60)	14 1/2	14
Srn. Cal. Ed. (1.50)	12	12 1/2
Southern Pacific	18 1/2	18
Southern Rly.	16	15 1/2
Stan. Brands (1)	18 1/2	18 1/2
Stan. Gas	4 1/2	4 1/2
Sta. Oil Cal. (1)	31 1/2	30 1/2
Sta. Oil N.J. (1)	42 1/2	42 1/2
Ster. Pro. (2.80)	60 1/2	60 1/2
Studebaker Corp.	3	2 1/2
Texas C. (1)	20 1/2	20 1/2
Texas G. Sulp (2)	34 1/2	34 1/2
Transamerica (1.12 1/2)	5 1/2	5 1/2
Un. Car. and Carb. (1.40)	47 1/2	47 1/2
Un. Pac. Rlys. (6)	110 1/2	109
Un. Aircraft Corp.	14 1/2	14
Un. Air Line Trans.	5 1/2	5 1/2
United Corp.	22	22
Unl. Gas Impr. (1.20)	12 1/2	12 1/2
Univ. Leaf Tob. (2)	58	57 1/2
U.S. Indus. Alcohol	43 1/2	43
U.S. Pipe Fdry. (.50)	21 1/2	20 1/2
U.S. Rubber	16 1/2	16 1/2
U.S. Rub. \$8 1st Pf.	40 1/2	40 1/2
U.S. Steel	39 1/2	39 1/2
U.S. Steel \$7 Pf. (2)	89 1/2	89
Vandellum	20 1/2	20 1/2
Vick Chem (2.402)	34 1/2	35
Warner Bros. Picts.	4 1/2	4
West. Union Tel.	32 1/2	32 1/2
West. Air Brake (1)	25 1/2	26 1/2
West. E. & M. (.85)	38 1/2	40
Wilcox Oil and Gas	2 1/2	2 1/2
Woolworths (2.40)	53 1/2	53 1/2
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The LOST SPECIAL

"CITY OF SONG"

At The King's Theatre

Those who have seen the picture "Tell Me Tonight" will know what it means to hear Jan Kiepura sing. This Polish tenor is again given several opportunities in the "City of Song" now showing at the King's Theatre and he makes admirable use of them. He acts well also and an interesting part of the picture is that it has the Italian background for its story, the elusive beauty of Naples. The scenes are splendidly photographed with the just appreciation of the need for keeping up to the standard of "See Naples and die."

Miss Betty Stockfield played a very pleasant part with ease in pretty frocks and Miss Heather Angel who assays broken English with skill, are in a tender love story woven in the film, which is full of interesting situations, with drama, emotion and romantic appeal. When all the excellent acting has been given by the various members of the cast and given its due appreciation it will be the ringing notes of Jan Kiepura's voice that will remain in one's memory.

All in all this is a picture worth going a long way to see and those who have not been to the King's Theatre are recommended to pay a visit there.—H.

EDDIE CANTOR BROADCAST

Fee To British
Charities

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Dec. 23.

The B.B.C. are negotiating with Mr. Eddie Cantor, the American film and radio star, for a broadcast on Jan. 3, the day after his arrival in this country.

Though the final details still have to be arranged the broadcast is practically certain to take place.

Mr. Cantor has decided to take no fee from the B.B.C. for himself but to divide it among a stage, a cinema and two other British charities.

In America he receives as much as \$1,000 for a single broadcast. His fee from the B.B.C. will be only a small proportion of this sum, but will be the highest ever paid to a star in a broadcast variety bill here.

He came to the front as America's Jester No. 1—Will Rogers being No. 2—in the worst of the crisis. His wisecrack about the slump in hire-purchase gave him a nationwide fame. "Yeah," it ran, "the depression is so bad that even those who never meant to pay have stopped buying."

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BELLE OF THE NINETIES

Coming To The
King's

When Mae West, blonde movie queen, wrote the story for her newest Paramount film, "Belle of the Nineties," which comes on Sunday to the King's Theatre, she had to figure out a new way to kill John Miljan, who has a featured role along with John Mack Brown and Roger Pryor.

Miljan told the blonde star that he has been "killed" at least 100 times on the screen during his eleven years in Hollywood. Miss West learned from him that he has been shot innumerable times, stabbed to death on many occasions, drowned often, frozen to death bitten by snakes and by spiders, thrown out of airplanes, sunstruck, trampled by elephants, torn to bits by lions, and has even been dropped in boiling oil.

"That's okeh," smiled Miss West. "I'll fix you up with a brand new ticket to the funeral parlour."

The story of "Belle of the Nineties" is laid against the colourful background of St. Louis, New Orleans and the Mississippi towns during the 90's. Miljan is cast as the owner of the smartest gambling and entertainment palace in the South.

Acting the most famous burlesque queen in the country, Mae West leaves St. Louis, goes to Miljan's place, and wins the South by charm. Miljan, trying to be the big man in her life, lets himself in for trouble when he attempts to turn Miss West against her prize-fighter sweetheart.

How the gal with the hourglass figure finds real love at last, after a dramatic climax, brings the film to a grand finale.

Leo McCarey is the director, and Miss West introduces several new songs which were written by Sam Coslow and Arthur Johnston. Duke Ellington and his band are featured.

"HAROLD TEEN"

Coming On Sunday
To The Alhambra

Five songs and all of them hits, according to those who have heard them will be heard in the Warner Bros. picture "Harold Teen," which opens on Sunday at the Alhambra Theatre, a production that is not a musical.

The "Harold Teen" songs are by Irving Kahal and Sammy Fain, the ace writing "songsters" who produced such hits as "By A Waterfall," "There Ought to be a Moonlight Saving Time," "Was That the Human Thing to Do," "You Brought a New Kind of Love To Me," and many others.

"How Do You Know It's Sunday" is the first song in the picture. It is a catchy tune, sung by Chic Chandler to Rochelle Hudson in "The Sugar Bowl" and what "Harold Teen" fan does not know that famous Soda-Shop conducted by the tolerant "Pop."

"Sweet and Simple" is a number sung by Rochelle Hudson who is as fine a singer as she is an actress.

Patricia Ellis sings "Two Little Flies on a Lump of Sugar" and the song is as engaging as its title. Miss Ellis has a well-trained singing voice that registers with exceptional clarity.

"Farewell Covina" is the stirring song of the graduates of Covina High School in "Harold Teen" and no more thrilling school song has ever been heard in Hollywood than this in the small town amateur show staged in "Harold Teen" is heard "College Widow" and Patricia Ellis and Rochelle Hudson are presented as two most attractive brides.

An interesting fact in connection with the singing of these songs is that the two singers, Rochelle and Patricia, have never before sung for the screen.

Each girl has filled a number of screen roles in her respective career, but never before has the occasion arisen for either to sing before the camera. Both possess good voices, but their singing

"GIFT OF GAB"

Now Showing At The
Queen's

Edmund Lowe is cast for a role that suits him admirably in "Gift of Gab" one of the liveliest pictures shown on the local screen for many a day. It is now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

The picture features the largest collection of stars of the stage, screen and radio, and these include Edmund Lowe, Gloria Stuart, Alice White, Henry Armetta, Helen Vinson, Sterling Holloway, Ruth Eting, Gene Austin and a very able band. A mock murder mystery during a radio broadcast is another attractive feature of the film.

There is plenty of wit, plenty of action and good songs and music throughout. The story concerns the rise of Lowe from an auctioneer to the foremost broadcasting announcer and reporter in America. Gloria Stuart helps him to furnish plenty of thrills as he rises and falls on the way to the top.

One of the funniest moments of the film is when Lowe broadcasts a faked interview with a flier who had spanned the Atlantic. Half way through he learns that the flier, who he is supposedly interviewing, has been killed.

Song numbers offered in the production are "I Ain't Gonna Sin No More," "Talking to Myself," "Blue Sky Avenue," "Somebody Looks Good To Me," and "Don't Let This Waltz Mean Goodbye." The picture is a good tonic to anyone requiring an hour's amusement.

talents have heretofore been confined to private audiences.

There is a talented cast in "Harold Teen" the members of which represents the characters in Carl Ed's famous comic strip. Hal LeRoy, noted on the musical comedy stage, heads the list, which also includes, besides Miss Hudson and Miss Ellis, Guy Kibbee and Hugh Herbert.

TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

HONG KONG:

KING'S:—

"City of Song"

QUEEN'S:—

"Gift of Gab"

ORIENTAL:—

"Falling For You"

CENTRAL:—

"The Lost Special"

KOWLOON:

MAJESTIC:—

"Mr. Skitch"

ALHAMBRA:—

"Handy Andy"

Coming

KING'S:—

"Belle of the Nineties"

QUEEN'S:—

"Outcast Lady"

For Direction

Golfer (far off in the rough): "Say, caddy, why do you keep looking at your watch?"
Caddy: "It isn't a watch sir; it's a compass."

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So he loaded the family into the old tin can... and from then on it's one laugh after another



ROGERS in Mr. Skitch

ZaSu PITTS

Robbie Hudson, Harry Green, Newman Desmond, Eugene Pallette
Directed by James Cruze
Screen play by Hugh Lewis
Based on the story "Green Day" by Alan Cummins

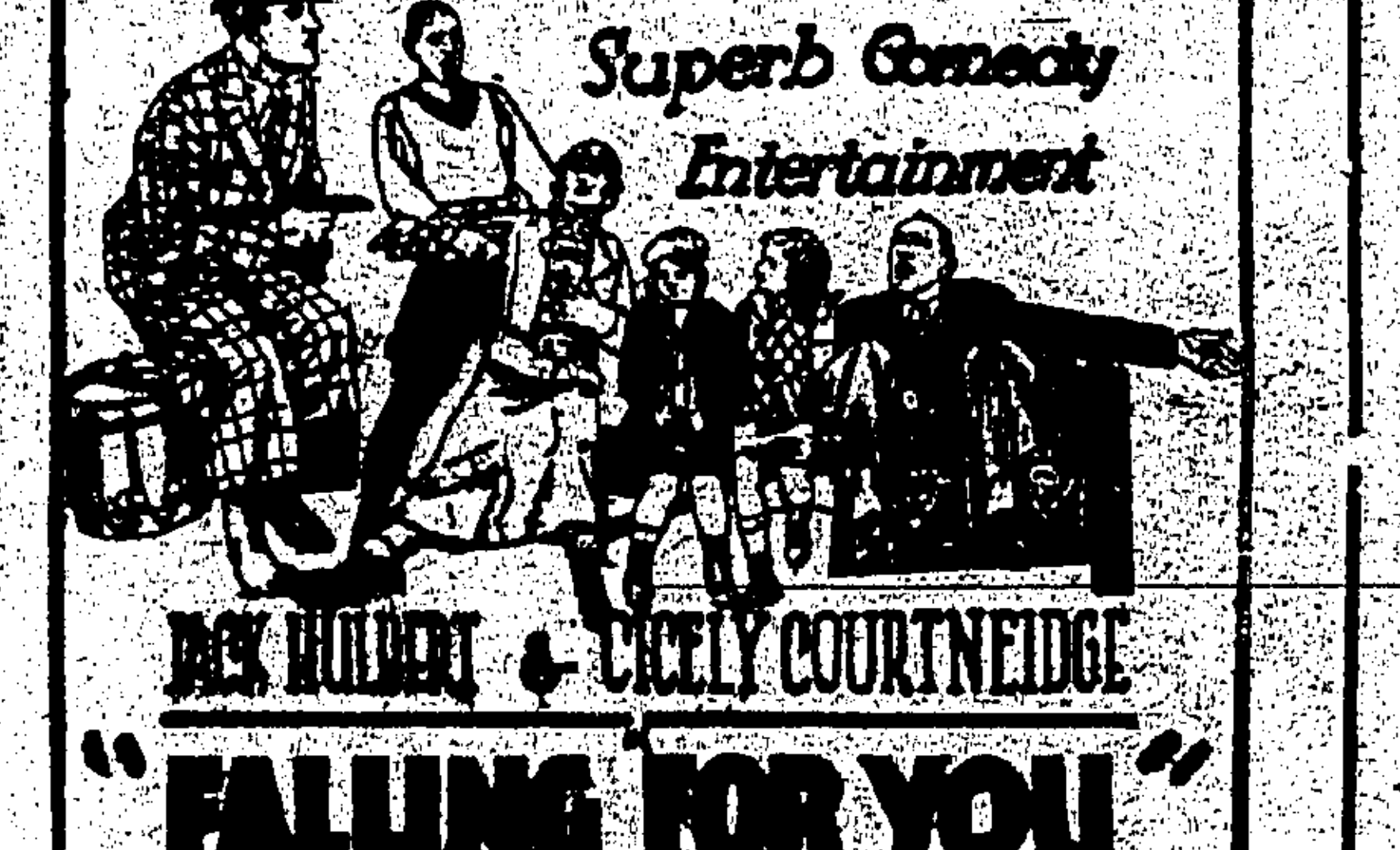
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OUTCAST LADY

Sunday's Attraction
At The Queen's

"Outcast Lady" coming on Sunday to the Queen's Theatre presents a great pair of lovers in one of the strongest emotional dramas ever written for stage or screen.

Constance Bennett and Herbert Marshall make an unforgettable pair in Zoe Akins' picture version of Michael Arlen's story as directed by Robert Z. Leonard.

The picture deals with the love of Iris and Napier, interrupted by the opposition of Napier's father. Iris marries a boyhood friend of them both, but the husband commits suicide on the night of his wedding. An angry construction is put on this by society, a construction fostered by Iris, herself, to protect the name of the dead man. Iris' brother, Gerald, takes sides against her in the general acclaim.

How romance gets back on a straight course between Napier and Iris after this interlude, and what happens in an unexpected ending, makes "Outcast Lady" a picture considered definitely worthy of the woman who triumphed in "Common Clay," "Moulin Rouge," "The Endless Way" and the man critics everywhere praised to the sky for his work in Norma Shearer's "Rinôçérôse" and "Trouble in Paradise."

An excellent supporting cast appears with the stars in this film. It includes Robert Foran, James Ben Hur, Hugh Williams, and other fine talents.

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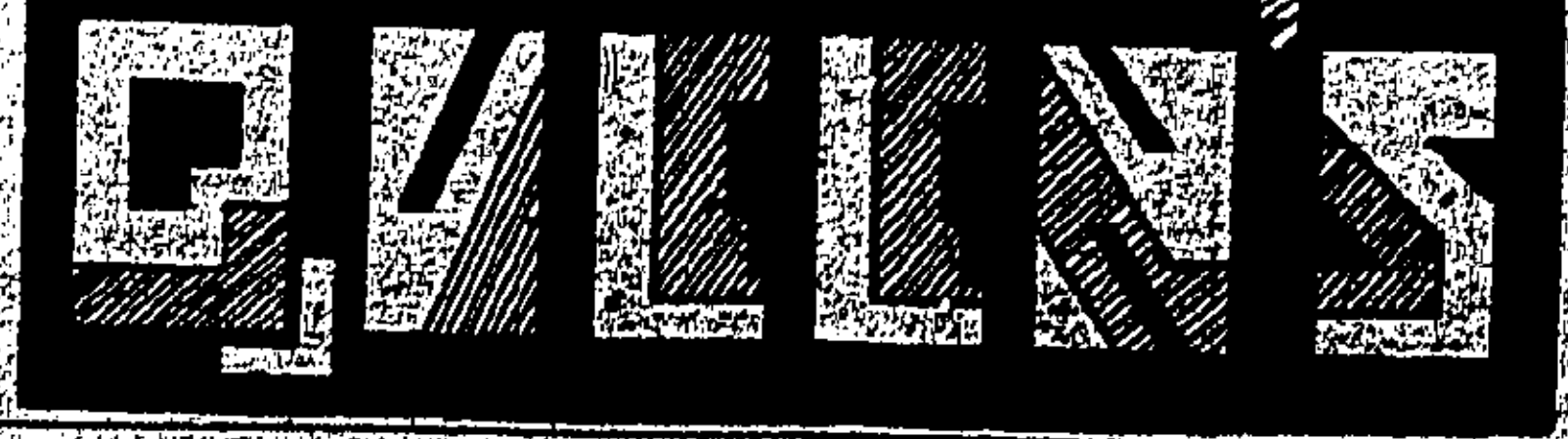


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CHARGES NOT PROVED

Allegations Of Misconduct Against Ship's Officer

At the Marine Court of Inquiry yesterday, allegations of misconduct, by interfering with the safe navigation of the ship, was made against Mr. J. Johnston, formerly Chief Officer of the motor vessel Lee Hong. The charges were brought against him by the master of the Lee Hong, Captain T. S. Talbot. The Court found that the charges were not proved.

Mr. R. H. Cole of Messrs. Hall Brutton and Co., appeared for Mr. Johnston, while the Court was composed of Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N. (Retd.) president, Lieut. Commr. E. H. C. Branson (H. M. Naval Yard), Capt. Herbert James (Empress of Russia), Capt. Albert Muir (Tung On) and Capt. John Acock (Kwong Sai).

CAPTAIN IN WITNESS BOX

Giving evidence Capt. Talbot said that the Lee Hong left Hong Kong for Canton at 10 p.m. on December 28 last. He was on the bridge and was relieved by Mr. Johnston at 10.45 p.m. He then went down to inspect below to see if everything was all right. He went to bed at 11.30 p.m., leaving the Chief Officer (Mr. Johnston) in charge. At 11.47, he was awakened by the ringing of the telegraph. He jumped out of bed and saw that the ship was in a fog. He dressed and went up to the wheel-house.

Witness asked Mr. Johnston why he had not been called and was told that the fog had only just set in. Mr. Johnston, when asked if he had sounded the siren, told him that it was not working. Witness pulled the lanyard and set the siren working. Mr. Johnston was leaning against the compass and remarked: "Damn if I can work it."

The ship was approaching the Fatsan, which was also going up to Canton.

"I had put the engine slow ahead from half speed. I was passing the Fatsan, which was 140 feet away on the starboard side. I then heard the moving of the telegraph. I immediately looked over and saw the Chief Officer moving his hand away. I looked at the telegraph and saw that it was showing 'all speed astern.' I immediately jumped at the telegraph and before it could answer to the previous order of full speed astern I put it 'slow ahead.'"

"I pulled the Chief Officer away and told him to go to his room. He did not go. Five minutes after the ship had gone ahead of the Fatsan and we dropped anchor as the fog was getting worse. I gave orders to the quartermaster to ring the ship's bell every two minutes.

"While I was on the starboard side of the ship, the quartermaster came to me and told me that the Chief Officer had stopped him from ringing the ship's bell. I then went to the wheel house with the quartermaster and Mr. Johnston was standing there. I again gave orders to the quartermaster to ring the bell.

"A Nuisance
The Chief Officer was making himself a nuisance by walking from one side of the bridge to another, and once bumped against the door. He also remarked that if he was in charge of the ship he would put two anchors down for the safety of the ship."

Continuing his evidence, Capt. Talbot said that when the Chief Officer went out to the port pilot, he closed the wheel house door. He went out after about five minutes but could not see him. He went to the Chief Officer's room and found him lying in his bunk.

The fog did not lift until 6.30 a.m. the next morning. The ship carried on to Canton, but had to anchor again at 8.30 a.m. The fog finally lifted at approximately 12.30 p.m. and the ship arrived in Canton at 3.30 p.m.

Witness had a conversation with the Chief Officer and asked him if there was any reason why he (the witness) should not log the incident. The Chief Officer replied: "You do what you will like." Witness accordingly made an entry in the ship's log to the effect that the Chief Officer had interfered with the safe navigation of the ship whilst under the influence of liquor.

At 8 a.m. the next morning witness found that the 'log' book and the ship's articles which he had placed in a drawer in his cabin were missing. He then got in touch with the British Consul in Canton informing him of the loss.

Cross-examined by Mr. Cole, witness said that Mr. Johnston was not in his room when he was left in charge of the ship and had had a drink.

Mr. Cole: He was not sober but he was in charge of the ship.

Witness: He had had a few

drinks, but I considered him capable of taking charge.

Questioned by Capt. Muir, witness said his orders to the Chief Officer were to follow the Fatsan.

Capt. Muir: Did you tell him to call you in case of bad weather?

Witness: No. But that is a standing order.

Capt. Muir: Have you got a standing order book?—No.

Pilot In Box

Tang Yung, second pilot stated that after the Captain had left the bridge, the Chief Officer also went out for about 10 minutes. "He leaves the bridge several times on every trip, and would sometimes fall asleep in a chair which he keeps on the bridge."

Mr. Cole objected to this evidence and submitted that the witness should confine himself to the trip in question.

Witness deposed to seeing the Chief Officer working the telegraph, changing it from slow ahead to full speed astern. Witness also alleged that after the Captain had left the bridge, the Chief Officer called him filthy names in Chinese.

Tang Pak-kin, quartermaster, corroborated Capt. Talbot's evidence that the Chief Officer had stopped him from ringing the ship's bell every two minutes while it was at anchor.

Yung Ho, Chief steward, stated that at 11 p.m. on December 28, a friend of the Chief Officer ordered three bottles of beer and invited the Chief Officer to have a drink. There were three American sailors on board. Witness knew that the Chief Officer was in the cabin but did not see him drink.

Two other officers of the ship, Mr. J. D. Blister and Mr. Roveral, were also called, the latter giving it as his opinion that the Chief Officer was very drunk.

Defendant's Evidence
Mr. James Johnston in the witness box stated that on the night in question when he relieved the Captain his orders were to keep behind the Fatsan. It was quite clear at the time. He stated that he had been drinking only two bottles of beer and that was before 9 o'clock, one bottle before he went on board and one bottle on board ship.

When the fog came at about 11.30 he blew the ship's whistle and told the pilot to put the ship "slow ahead." The Captain appeared in his dressing gown and accused him of interfering with the safe navigation of the ship, and told him to go outside which he did right away. The Captain taking charge of the ship, the pilot then took the ship to a safe anchorage. He denied that he rang the ship's telegraph "full speed astern" at any time or that he told the quartermaster not to ring the bell on account of the fog.

Mr. Cole in a brief address to the Court drew attention to the discrepancies which appeared in the evidence.
The Court retired for an hour, after which they returned the following findings:
We find that the charges brought against Mr. James Johnston, who holds a Certificate of Competency as First Mate (Steamship) No. 244 Straits Settlements are not proved.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR NEXT MONTH

London, January 9.
Catalogues for the London section of the British Industries Fair, which will open at Olympia and the White City on February 15, are being issued in nine languages and a large number of foreign agents are being sought.

One of the largest foreign companies, the Royal Dutch Petroleum Co., has agreed to supply the fair with a large quantity of kerosene.

The fair will also feature a large number of exhibits from the various countries of the world.

The fair is expected to be one of the most successful in the history of the British Industries Fair.

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CLAIM AGAINST FRENCH BANK

Defence Case Opened Yesterday

The defence opened yesterday in the case in which the Kwong Shing Cheong Sandalwood Association is claiming \$581,640.23 from the French Bank.

The case had been before the Chief Justice since Monday. Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. F. C. Jenkin instructed by Mr. D. J. Lewis of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master are for the plaintiff, while Mr. H. G. Sheldon and Mr. D. McNeill instructed by Mr. E. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings and Company are for the defence.

Mr. W. J. Waddington, manager of the F. and O. Banking Corporation, desired to give further evidence relating to the crossed cheques which were passed through his bank with endorsements by one person representing two concerns.

In that case, said witness, an official of the bank verified to the bank's satisfaction the identity and position of the maker of the endorsements.

Further evidence was given by Mr. E. M. Bryden chartered accountant, who spoke of exchange contracts between the plaintiffs and seven local banks involving \$33,000,000.

Mr. Sheldon suggested that practically all the business done by the plaintiffs except in a few instances, was concerned with exchange speculation.

Witness did not dissent and agreed that all the orders issued by the banks in favour of the plaintiffs represented winnings in exchange transactions. He did not know that 1931 was a period when gambling on the exchange was particularly rife in Hong Kong.

The Defence
In opening the case for defendants, Mr. Sheldon said he would deal mainly with the facts and his learned leader, Mr. D. McNeill, would examine the authorities.

Referring to the statement of claim, Counsel said it was alleged that Lau Ping had applied the comrade and cashier orders to his own use, and that defendants knew, or but for negligence should have known, that they were not Lau Ping's property and that neither he nor the Hon Ping Trading Company, had any right to them.

Counsel said that Lau Ping, as manager of the plaintiffs had authority to endorse orders on behalf of plaintiff and it was for the plaintiffs to show that Lau Ping was not purporting to know that he was acting within that actual or apparent authority.

The much discussed "B" account—the second account of the Hon Ping Trading Company—was opened in a perfectly normal manner and the articles of association of the plaintiffs expressly laid down that no person dealing with the manager should be concerned to question his authority.

Lau Ping
The case for the defendant, Bank, said Counsel was that they acted in good faith when they accepted the endorsement of these notes from a man whose authority was backed by his articles. The real facts, submitted Mr. Sheldon, appeared to him from the evidence, that Lau Ping speculated on his own account unknown to the Association and in the name of the Association.

Continuing Mr. Sheldon said that the Liquidator's evidence disclosed that millions of dollars worth of exchange contracts were being entered into by Lau Ping in pure speculation. It was not intended that a company with a capital of six lakhs should enter into such large commitments which might have ruined them and for which they could have had no redress.

Coming to the alternative claim for monies received, Mr. Sheldon argued that if the first conversion claim was defeated, the monies defendant bank had received were for their agents and customers, in the present instance, the Hon Ping Trading Company, and for whom they could have had no redress.

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THE HONG KONG DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Judges And Popular Vote Selections

The Hong Kong Dance Championship made further progress at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday when two more couples passed to the final which is being held next Sunday. The interest in the competition was maintained last night.

The following were the successful candidates:

- No. 1.—Mr. David Yee
Miss Bella Po-wah
No. 5.—Mr. G. A. Hiley
Miss Flood

Both couples, in the order mentioned above, by the judges' decision and popular vote.

Mr. David Yee and his partner put up a very fine exhibition.

Mrs. Taggart will present the prizes to the winners on Sunday afternoon, when Andrew and Ursula, and the six Hollywood Blondes will entertain at the tea-dance from 5 to 8 p.m.

KEEPING A COMMON GAMING HOUSE

Three Chinese, Leung Kwong, Leung Keng and Li Sam were brought before Mr. W. Schofield at Central Magistracy yesterday charged with (a) that they did write and cause to be written announcements relating to a lottery at 24, Pokfulum Road, ground floor on January 7, and (b) for keeping and using a common gaming house at the same address.

The second and third defendants were discharged, but the first defendant was fined \$100 or two months' hard labour on charge (b) and dismissed on the first.

Mr. G. K. Hall-Brutton appeared for Leung Keng, the second defendant.

Sergeant Shepherd, in his outline of the case said that a raid was made on the shop at 24, Pokfulum Road, ground floor, on the 7th inst. at about 12.30 p.m. The three defendants were found sitting round a small table in the rear cubicle. The first defendant had a long slip of paper in his hand, while the second and third were holding a Chinese pen each.

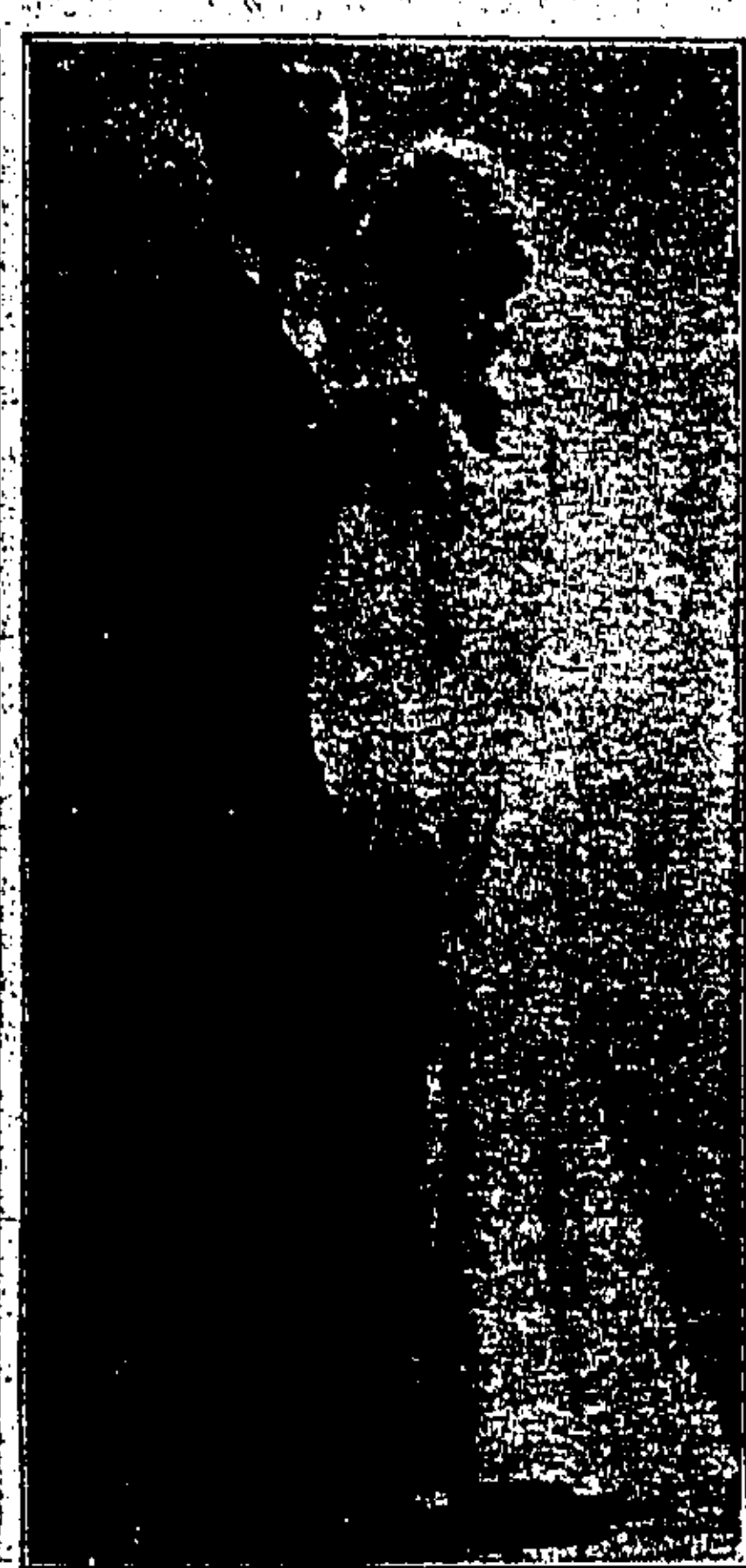
Giving evidence, Sergeant Shepherd said he made the raid and on entering the premises he produced the warrant. He arrested the defendants and brought to the station what he had seized on the premises.

The papers which were seized were then produced, and Detective Inspector Ten Heung deposed to the nature of them. He said that on these tickets there appeared to be certain marks which were private and were connected with a private lottery. Witness explained that they were applications with which clients applied for lottery tickets.

Replying to Mr. G. K. Hall-Brutton in cross-examination, witness said that the papers were not connected with any lottery or establishment that is in existence. Questioned further by Mr. Brutton, witness said they were not announcements of any lottery, but applications for an unnamed lottery.

His worship saying that there was a lack of evidence against the second defendant, accordingly discharged him on both charges.

The first defendant was convicted on the second charge and was fined \$100 or two months' hard labour.



Andrew and Ursula, the popular dance experts, who are the judges in the Dance Contest that is being held now at the Hong Kong Hotel.

DONATIONS

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The Hon. Treasurer of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul acknowledges with gratitude and thanks the receipt of the following donations towards the Society's Funds in memory of the late Mrs. Helena Yvanovich Koronova.

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ASSAULT CHARGE

The case against the two coolies Chan Choi Yip and Leung Wing for "lighting" using insulting language and indecently assaulting the Yau, a 20-year old widow, was concluded before Mr. Schofield at Central Magistracy yesterday when the defendants were discharged.

The men were said to have followed the woman up to a floor at Queen's Road West, where the door being banged against their faces they proceeded to break it down. They told the Police after being arrested that they knew the woman was a prostitute and that the floor into which the woman had gone was a spy-motel.

Inspector Fender, who prosecuted, stated that the door was being used for the purpose stated and said that he could not give evidence in respect of the alleged assault incidents.

His worship dismissed the charges, stating only the one concerned with "lighting" the door. He ordered payment of two dollars for damages and found both men over a sum of \$20 to keep the peace for six months.

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AIR LINK TO HONG KONG

Government Not In Position To Make Statement

QUESTIONS AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Answering questions put by the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall at the Legislative Council yesterday, the Hon. the Colonial Secretary (Sir Thomas Southern) said that Government had no information regarding the proposed air service to Canton. He stated in reply to another question that negotiations were proceeding with regard to the linking of Hong Kong with the great air routes of the world, but that Government was not in a position to make a statement.

A number of other questions were asked, the answers to which will be found below.

Several new bills passed their initial stages at yesterday's meeting.

STANDING LAW COMMITTEE APPOINTED

H. E. The Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., presided and there were present:—

H. E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major General O. C. Borrett, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary (Sir Thomas Southern, K.B.E., C.M.G.).

The Hon. the Attorney General (Mr. C. G. Alabaster).

The Hon. the S. C. A. (Mr. N. L. Smith).

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer (Mr. Edwin Taylor).

The Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, C.M.G. (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services).

The Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson (Director of Public Works).

The Hon. Mr. T. H. King (Inspector General of Police).

The Hon. Sir William Shenton.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. Mackie.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.

The Hon. Dr. Tso. Seen-wan, O.B.E., LL.D.

The Hon. Mr. Chau Tsun Nin.

The Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell.

STANDING LAW COMMITTEE

At the outset of the meeting the Standing Law Committee was appointed.

H. E. The Governor:—As this is the first meeting of the Council this year it is necessary to appoint the Standing Law Committee. I propose to appoint the following members:—

The Honourable the Attorney General (Chairman).

The Honourable the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Honourable Sir Henry Edward Pollock, Kt., K.C., LL.D.

The Honourable Sir W. E. L. Shenton, Kt.

The Honourable Mr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D.

DUTY ON SHARE DEALS

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga asked the following questions standing in his name:—

1. Are sale and purchase contracts and/or debit notes for shares of all Companies operating outside the Colony but deal in this market treated alike for purposes of stamp duty? If the reply to this question be in the negative, what is the differentiation and on what grounds is the differentiation justified?

2. Is the Colonial Treasurer in a position to state approximately the value in Hong Kong Currency of the business carried on, since January 1, 1934 to June 30 last, by brokers on exchange outside the Colony whose contracts and/or debit notes are exempt from stamp duty?

3. If the volume of the business referred to in Question 2 is ascertainable, will the Honourable Member inform the Council what would have been the estimated amount of stamp fees derivable therefrom if the transactions had been liable to payment of stamp fees on the scale chargeable to shares of Hong Kong Companies?

4. Is it the opinion of Government that the operations by brokers in Hong Kong on exchanges outside the Colony do divert dealings in shares of local Companies, and if they do, does not the revenue of the Colony suffer by reason of the diversion from local to foreign exchanges through a diminution in stamp duty collections in respect of share contracts and/or debit notes?

5. For the benefit of the revenue of the Colony has the attention of Government been directed to the necessity for rectifying an existing anomaly that while dealings in shares of local joint stock Companies are subject to stamp

fees certain foreign Companies enjoy immunity from such taxation?

The Hon. Mr. Taylor:—1. The answer is in the affirmative.

2. The answer is in the negative.

3. In view of the answer to question 2, this question does not arise.

4. Government is not in a position to say to what extent, if any, operations by brokers in Hong Kong on exchanges outside the Colony divert dealings in shares of local Companies. Share dealings and investments are governed by the demand or requirements of each particular buyer or investor. A man with money to invest may choose as he pleases and buy local or other investments as his fancy dictates. The revenue of the Colony, however, does not suffer as all contract notes issued by brokers in Hong Kong must be stamped.

5. If the Honourable Member means immunity from stamp duty on contract notes, there is no anomaly as such attract duty whether the company is registered locally or abroad. Transfer fees on shares of companies registered abroad are naturally not charged on transactions in Hong Kong.

It is assumed that in the Honourable Member's questions the expression "debit note" is used in its local sense, the term "debit note" being used locally for cash transactions whilst the term "contract note" is used for other than cash transactions. Legally the two terms have the same meaning.

GAS COMPANY

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall then asked:—With reference to the disastrous explosion at West Point in May, 1934, will the Government state:—

(a) Whether the gasometers are considered to be suitably placed in their present locations, in view of their proximity to tenement houses;

(b) What steps have been, or will be, taken to ensure the proper maintenance and the regular examination of the gasometers; and

(c) What other steps has the Government decided to take with a view to preventing similar disasters in the future.

The Colonial Secretary:—Terms have been satisfactorily settled between the Government and the Gas Company for the purchase by the Company of another and more suitable site for the gasometers.

(b). It is understood that no special legislation for the compulsory inspection of gasometers is in force in the United Kingdom; but the advice of the Home Authorities is being sought as to whether, in view of local conditions such legislation is desirable here.

(c). No further action has been taken in the meantime pending the receipt of a reply to this enquiry.

AIR ROUTES

The Hon. Dr. Kotewall asked:—Has the Government under consideration, and if not will the Government consider, the question of making Hong Kong a port of call in connection with the reported air service between Canton and the United States of America?

What steps, if any, have been taken with a view to linking Hong Kong with the great air routes of the world, and if the matter is under consideration, when are such connections expected to be effected?

The Colonial Secretary:—The Government has no information regarding this proposal, but the matter will not be overlooked should it appear that the reported service is likely to materialize.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL

Dance Programme

The dance programme for St. George's Ball to-night is as follows:—

Extra—Fox Trot—Love Thy Neighbour

Extra—Fox Trot—With my eyes wide open I'm dreaming.

Interval for Reception of H.E. The Governor.

1. Lancers.

2. Waltz.—The Shadow Waltz.

3. Fox Trot.—Let's Fall in Love.

4. Fox Trot.—Cocktails for Two.

5. Fox Trot.—All I do is dream of You.

6. Waltz.—Speak to Me of Love.

7. Fox Trot.—She didn't say "Yes."

8. Fox Trot.—Little Man You've had a busy day.

9. Waltz.—Am I wasting my Time on You?

10. Fox Trot.—It's Only a Paper Moon.

11. Fox Trot.—Caricola (Rumba).

12. Fox Trot.—Why do I dream those Dreams?

13. Waltz.—The Blue Danube Waltz.

14. Fox Trot.—The Night was made for Love.

15. Fox Trot.—Love in Bloom.

16. Fox Trot.—Hold my Hand (Rumba).

17. Waltz.—Don't Say Goodnight.

18. Fox Trot.—Everything I have is Yours.

19. Fox Trot.—Till String along with you.

GOD SAVE THE KING

(Dances 9-15 are the supper dances).

Negotiations are proceeding but the Government is not yet in a position to make a statement.

ADVERTISING

The Hon. Dr. Kotewall asked:—

Arising out of the remarks made by two unofficial members at a meeting of this Council on September 27, 1934, that the advantages of Hong Kong as a winter resort have not been sufficiently advertised, will the Government state:—

(a) Whether and, if so, what consideration has been given by the Government to this matter since that meeting was held; and

(b) Whether the Government will appoint a Committee for the purpose of suggesting means of giving greater publicity to such advantages.

The Colonial Secretary:—3. Since the meeting of this Council to which the Honourable Member refers the Government has had the advantage of learning the views of the Economic Commission on this subject as expressed in an interim report. It is proposed shortly to appoint a Committee to investigate the possibility of increasing the Tourist Traffic of Hong Kong.

NEW BILLS.

The Attorney General then moved the first reading of the following bills, which was duly carried:—

"A Bill to amend the Asylums Ordinance, 1905"

"A Bill to amend the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903"

NEW BUILDINGS.

The Director of Public Works next moved the first reading of "A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to the construction of Buildings." He said:—

The preservation of life from danger of fire is considered in the framing of Sections 43, 44 and 45, which call for the provision of fire resisting staircases, lift shafts and fire-escapes.

A revision has been made in the sections dealing with verandahs and balconies, Nos. 50 and 51.

A limiting article has been introduced which will restrict the number of verandah storeys permissible and which will control the projections of balconies.

Generally speaking the effect will be the elimination of verandahs on the upper storeys of high buildings hereafter erected, but balconies of greater projection than hitherto will be permissible.

Verandahs

The tendency will be to dispense with verandahs from all new buildings erected on streets less than 75 feet wide. On these streets, balconies in the lower storeys will be permissible with a projection extending to the line of the kerb.

Sir, I rise by Your Excellency's command to move the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to the construction of Buildings."

The present Public Health and Buildings Ordinance was enacted almost 32 years ago and at that time provided for substantial improvement in the matter of light and air and sanitation upon the hitherto existing Ordinance.

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THE KIDNAPPING CASE

Judgment Reserved

Frederick Barretto, who had previously pleaded guilty to three counts of kidnapping Luis Ribeiro the 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ribeiro of 7 Hanoi Road on December 10 and Louis Antonio da Rocha who pleaded not guilty to two counts of aiding and abetting were again before Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Mr. J. A. Fraser the Assistant Attorney General who prosecuted cross examined Rocha for the greater part of the afternoon. Rocha's evidence was unshaken in respect to the part which he played as being purely actuated by pity. Mr. M. K. Lo who defended submitted laws to prove that the charges were bad.

BARRETTO'S IDEA

Rocha was in the box when the case resumed yesterday and Mr. Fraser proceeded to cross examine him.

Mr. Fraser: Your story is that Barretto kidnapped the boy and that you only took a minor part.

Rocha: Yes.

Mr. Fraser: In that regard whose idea was it that Ribeiro should give some money, yours or Barretto's?

Rocha: Barretto's idea.

To a question put to him witness said that Barretto asked him to ask for the money on his behalf.

Mr. Fraser: In your interest Mr. Rocha try and answer my question and not to try and evade. Who was to ask for this money?

Rocha: I was.

Asked why Barretto wanted to leave the Colony witness replied he did not know.

Mr. Fraser: Was it because he was in danger of being arrested?

Rocha: I couldn't tell you exactly but he wanted to leave the Colony. He did not tell me.

Mr. Fraser: Will you agree with me that it would be difficult to sell a Portuguese boy to a Chinese?

Rocha: To sell? That would be difficult.

ROCHA'S OBJECT

The object in going to the Hotel was to bring the father to the son and that Botelho intervened when Ribeiro promised to pardon Barretto. No money was mentioned in the argument but money was subsequently mentioned. Ribeiro was going to give \$500 down and the balance the next day.

Mr. Fraser: Why didn't you take the child to the Hotel with you?

Rocha: Taking the father to the son was just the same thing.

Mr. Fraser: Why didn't you tell the police the address?

Rocha: I did not think it was necessary because I was going to take them myself.

Rocha in answer to further questions said that he made Barretto stay behind because of the safety of the child and even if Barretto knew that he would be arrested he would have stayed.

Mr. Fraser: If you had a chance would you have told Barretto that the father was going to arrest him?

Rocha: No.

If any money was to be given to Barretto he wished it only to be a reasonable amount, roughly a few hundred dollars to enable Barretto to leave the Colony. Witness was cross-examined with regard to the time he went home and the telephone calls. He did not know that Barretto had a house in Shamshuipo until he went there that night.

Questioned by his Worship Rocha frankly admitted that when he came to know of the crime committed by Barretto he did his best to save Barretto and that he had a feeling that if he did not give the address he would be doing something for Barretto. He did not realize that he was then breaking the law.

Mr. Fraser's Address

Mr. Fraser then addressed the Court.

His Worship interposed and said that there was no evidence to connect Rocha with the case until he walked into Fox Wing Street and that whatever Rocha had done there was no evidence to show that he acted with criminal intent. There was no doubt about his having acted like a young fool.

Mr. Fraser continuing said that it was intent if one went to procure money for oneself and every man is presumed to act for his own benefit. The Assistant Attorney General quoted laws in support.

The elements of the offence were controlling and aiding a felon knowing that a felony has been committed. Mr. Fraser then gave an example of a defendant being charged with a felony. There were several houses opened to the defendant, one of which was that he had brought the child to the father. If it would have led to a happy ending, the action of the Crown had not been vindictive at all. The actions had been foolish and constituted a dangerous crime sufficient to convict and there was no course open to his Worship but to convict. The defendant had not only made himself an accessory to the offence by going to get the money but had also asked the father to compound a felony.

Mr. Lo's Submissions

Mr. Lo: "I confess I find it rather difficult to follow the Crown's case and the difficulty is increased by the cross-examination this afternoon."

Continuing Mr. Lo said that some of the questions put to his client were unfair and surprised him. He criticised the Crown's case and said that he had never come across the prosecution for the Crown to come before his Worship to say that this boy did no more than to help without criminal intent and then to fight the case. Mr. Lo quoted authorities to show why the charge of being an accessory before the fact could not stand and that charges so framed were bad and should go.

Mr. Lo then went on to review the evidence and asked his Worship to disregard the evidence given by L. G. Ribeiro as evidently not to be trusted but to consider the evidence of the Botelhos who had told a very straight story.

After further argument regarding the points of law his Worship remanded the case until Wednesday, January 16 at noon when judgment will be delivered.

HELENA MAY CONCERT

An Enjoyable Programme

A very enjoyable concert was presented at the Helena May Institute last evening, and those who attended must concede that the entertainment was of a high standard. As a matter of fact it was so delightful that the programme appeared all too short.

The programme opened with Concerto Grosso in D Minor (Vivaldi), which was brilliantly interpreted by Mrs. Evette at the piano and Messrs. Wines and Evette with violins. This was followed by Mrs. Griggs and Lt. Col. Kukine, whose interpretation of Sonata in E Flat for two Pianos (J. S. Bach) drew much applause.

Mrs. Sanger's rendering of altogether six songs, one by Mozart, two by Beethoven and three by Strauss, also proved delightful, and the programme was brought to a fitting climax with Trio in C Major (Haydn) by Mr. Evette (violin), Mrs. Arnold (cello) and Mrs. Evette (piano).

The following was the programme:—

1. Concerto Grosso in D Minor Vivaldi

Allegro Molto Adagio, Allegro

Piano: Mrs. Evette

Violins: Mr. Wines, Mr. Evette

2. Sonata in E Flat for Two Pianos (J. S. Bach)

Mr. Griggs, Lt. Col. Kukine

3. (a) Das Yallicher, Mozart

(b) Ich liebe dich, Beethoven

(c) Der Kuss, Beethoven

Mrs. Sanger

4. Trio in C Major Haydn

Allegro, Allegro, Adagio

Piano: Mrs. Griggs

Violins: Lt. Col. Kukine, Mr. Evette

5. (a) Marche, R. Strauss

(b) Die Nacht, R. Strauss

(c) Standchen, R. Strauss

Mrs. Sanger

6. Trio in C Major Haydn

Allegro, Allegro, Adagio

Piano: Mrs. Griggs

Violins: Lt. Col. Kukine, Mr. Evette

7. (a) Marche, R. Strauss

(b) Die Nacht, R. Strauss

(c) Standchen, R. Strauss

Mrs. Sanger

8. Trio in C Major Haydn

Allegro, Allegro, Adagio

Piano: Mrs. Griggs

Violins: Lt. Col. Kukine, Mr. Evette

9. (a) Marche, R. Strauss

(b) Die Nacht, R. Strauss

(c) Standchen, R. Strauss

Mrs. Sanger

10. Trio in C Major Haydn

Allegro, Allegro, Adagio

Piano: Mrs. Griggs

Violins: Lt. Col. Kukine, Mr. Evette

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ST. GEORGE'S BALL

FOR the convenience of members and guests of St. George's Society attending the Ball to be held this evening, a special 5 minutes service of ferries will run between 9.00 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. and a special service from Kowloon to Hong Kong will run at 1.45 a.m. and 2.15 a.m. and thereafter every 15 minutes up to 3.00 a.m. on the morning of the 12th instant.

A special late service will also be run on the Peak Tramway on the morning of the 12th instant.

Supper will be served after the eighth dance.

Members and guests are requested to note that admission to the Ball is by Ticket Only and that these cannot be obtained at the door of the Hotel.

Members and guests arriving for the Ball are asked to use the main entrance to the Hotel only.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1935.

NOTICE.

ENTRIES for the above will close at 3.00 p.m. on SATURDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1935.

By Order of the Stewards,
O. B. BROWN,

Secretary.
Hong Kong, 9th January, 1935.

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SZECHUAN'S NEW INDEPENDENCE

Sensational Charges Levelled

Tientsin, Jan. 4.
Charging that Gen. Liu Hsiang, the Chairman of the Szechuan Provincial Government, is "attempting to destroy the unity of the province by conniving with the Nanking Government," three Szechuan Generals on Wednesday declared their independence of the Nanking government, it was learned to-day from usually trustworthy Japanese sources. The declaration of independence was contained in a circular telegram despatched on Wednesday over the signatures of Gen. Liu Wen-hui, Gen. Tien Sung-yao and Gen. Teng Hsi-hou, the unconfirmed report stated.

The telegram went on to charge that Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, Chairman of the Military Affairs Commission of the Nanking Government, had "signed a truce with the Communists on the understanding that they would retreat into Szechuan." This was done "to disturb the peace of the province."

Gen. Liu, one of the separatist leaders, took the command of a hastily organized Szechuan National Revolutionary Army on January 2 and served notice on Generals Sun I-tzu and Hu Ping-nan, commanders of the Nanking forces, to evacuate the province within 36 hours, on pain of being ousted by force, according to the report.

Note—Gen. Liu Wen-hui (an uncle of Gen. Liu Hsiang) and Gen. Teng Hsi-hou both have been known as Szechuan under earlier regimes.

Chengtu, Jan. 4.
According to despatches from the front, the Third Szechuan Army has captured two more Communist strongholds, Maokuan and Antao-shan, in northern Szechuan, and is continuing its offensive operations. The Central Government's First Division, under Gen. Hu Tsung-nan, which has entered Szechuan from Shensi under orders of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, has taken over the garrison of Shaokuan from Gen. Teng Hsi-hou and is assisting the Szechuan forces in the campaign against the Communists.

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NO AIR INFERIORITY

"His Majesty's Government are determined under no condition to accept any position of inferiority in regard to whatever force may be raised in Germany in future." So said Mr. Baldwin in his speech on air armaments in the House of Commons.

Remembering Mr. Baldwin's earlier promise of "parity" for our Air Forces, that assurance is the least that we could anticipate. His speech, however, contained more than this indication that Germany will be watched and that any endeavour to increase air forces in that country will be more than matched by ourselves.

It is fair to infer from Mr. Baldwin's reference to a supplementary estimate that the five year programme of an additional forty-one first-line squadrons is being accelerated. The year 1935-6 will see twenty-five squadrons added to the strength of the forces at home, and the programme now in hand "provides for a very substantial proportion of the whole programme being completed in the next two years."

More has been done in the direction of expansion than the public has hitherto been allowed to learn. Eleven new sites for aerodromes have been selected; six have been acquired; plans for altering some forty of the older stations are in hand; one new training school for flying has been opened and another will be ready in April. The entry of aircraft apprentices at Alton will be doubled very shortly. These are substantial evidences that there is to be no further standing still, that the Government is alert to the necessity of meeting a possible menace. A supplementary estimate for the air will be brought forward for expenditure already incurred, and the money will be readily voted by a House of Commons that, except perhaps on the Socialist benches, showed itself genuinely concerned at recent revelations of the inferiority we have imposed on ourselves in the hitherto fruitless search for peace for the world, and not less at the speed with which Germany is rearming herself in the air as on land.

From this debate there emerges British official recognition of the fact, particularly stressed by Mr. Lloyd George and unquestioned anywhere, that Germany is rearming in breach of the Versailles Treaty and doing so in a secrecy that is alarming to all her neighbours. Mr. Baldwin gave the concluding portion of his speech to an appeal to the German Government to end the policy of isolating itself from the other Powers in Europe and to join in an effort that may save the world from a renewed race in armaments. His approach to Germany was powerfully reinforced by Mr. Lloyd George. Whether there is response or not—and Germany would consult her best interests by a quick acceptance of the hint given her—that England "must improve her defences until there is a measure of disarmament elsewhere."

In the announcement that the Government, while in no way relinquishing its effort to bring about general disarmament, is resolved to end inferiority in the air, there will be general satisfaction.

MOTOR ACCIDENTS

Miss C. R. Jorge of 7, King's Terrace, Kowloon, while driving motor car No. 308 along Canton Road at about 9 p.m. yesterday when near Navy Street knocked down a Chinese male named Tong Kwai who had got in the way of the car.

The man received injuries to his head and face and was removed to the Hospital. His injuries were stated to be not of a serious nature.

Another accident occurred in Nathan Road yesterday. Mrs. Violet Sin of 17, Kent Road, knocked down an unknown Chinese female while driving car No. 504 near Humphreys Avenue. The woman received injuries to her right leg and refused to go to hospital for treatment.

NO LECTURES IN CANTON

Plans Of Dr. Hu Changed

(From Our Special Correspondent)

Canton, Jan. 10.
Dr. Hu Shih, the famous Peking scholar, to-day gave up all plans to make any speeches or lectures here, as his lectures in Hong Kong cast an unfavourable reflection on Canton. The local "Man Kwok Yat Po," official newspaper, to-day criticized Dr. Hu's remarks on Canton.

The noted philosopher was scheduled to deliver lectures at the Lingnan University, Sun Yat-sen University and other educational bodies, but that is all called off. Mr. Chow Lu, President of the Sun Yat-sen University, issued a notification forbidding Dr. Hu to lecture in his institution. His lectures in Hong Kong are said to be representing unorthodox views in the minds of orthodox circles here.

MAILS GO TO MANCHURIA

Heavy Despatch By Train

Peiping, January 10.
The public took early advantage of the opportunity to send mails to Manchuria to-day.

The Post Office was busy all day and the first train out with the mails will leave at 8.45 p.m. The mail is expected to be a heavy one.

The resumption of postal facilities to Manchuria, enabling the use of the speedy service via Siberia, has been hailed with general satisfaction by all circles.

The mail, however, will go into or through the Three Eastern Provinces only via the transmission offices at Shanhaikuan and Kumpikow, but not by sea via Dairen, as before the suspension.

GOLD PAYMENT LAW

Action In U.S. Court

Washington, Jan. 9.
A world agreement on money and currency matters was the forecast of Mr. Homer S. Cummings, Attorney-General in the Roosevelt Cabinet, when he addressed the Supreme Court in the case of Mr. Norman C. Norman, New York millionaire, vs. the Baltimore and Ohio Railway Company, to-day.

The Attorney-General asked the Court to uphold the law suspending gold payments so that the United States would not be hindered in any of its conferences with other nations.

He declared the time would come when the United States would confer with other nations with regard to monetary and currency matters, including the fixing of the value of the currencies of the nations.

The Attorney-General laid emphasis on the Government's action in abrogating the gold payment clause from the nation's contracts. That step was taken, Mr. Cummings went on, in the face of "the most terrifying industrial and financial crisis" America, or the world, had ever experienced.

Mr. Cummings asked the court to find that President Roosevelt had acted justly and wisely.

CHINA BUYS SILVER IN HONG KONG

Shanghai, Jan. 10.
Dr. H. H. Kung, the Finance Minister, interviewed by the Chinese Press, confirmed the report that twenty million dollars worth of silver had been purchased from Hong Kong.

Reuter.

SOVIET COAL

Riga, Jan. 10.
The Soviet Government has decided to mine 112 million tons of coal in 1935, of which the Donbas mines are to deliver 40 million tons.

HAUPTMANN TRIAL

Mysterious "John" Identified

Flemington, Jan. 9.

Dr. Condon, the man who acted as "go-between" for Colonel Lindbergh in the negotiations with kidnapers, identified Bruno Hauptmann four times during his two-and-three-quarter-hours' evidence. He enthralled the audience from the start, banishing the court's customary solemnity and proving a perfect actor, his moods changing in tune with the evidence.

Hauptmann went very pale when identified, but continued to stare at Dr. Condon, who glared back.

Dr. Condon related that "John," the mysterious person to whom Dr. Condon declared he handed over the \$50,000 ransom money, had fits of coughing when they were in the cemetery, and witness remembered saying: "The throats of pulmonary disease seem to have started, let me get you some medicine."

The defence is expected to seize on this point in view of the fact that Isidore Fisch, the person from whom Hauptmann swears he received the ransom notes, died of tuberculosis in Germany.

TAKAHASHI'S WARNING

Signs Of A Crisis For Japan

London, Jan. 10.

There have been several occasions in recent years when civilian ministers seemed "in the pockets" of the generals and admirals and propaganda became almost the monopoly of the far from silent services, says the "Times."

The belief that Japan is approaching a period of national emergency, with which politicians cannot be expected to cope, is suggested day after day, the paper adds.

Baron Fujii, though he finally got the worst of the encounter, did his best to curb the demands of the services, the "Times" goes on. Mr. Takahashi has not gone so far (in public at least) but his great experience and high international reputation will add weight to his warning and may have a tonic effect upon the recently debilitated Japanese Party politics.

NEW "BLUEBIRD" MOTOR CAR

Ready To Go To Daytona

London, January 9.
The new "Bluebird" motor car incorporating many new features, in which Sir Malcolm Campbell will attempt to lower his own world's speed record at Daytona next month, was on view at Brooklands race track to-day.

This giant car, weighing four and three-quarter tons, is being shipped to America in the Berengaria on January 18, and Sir Malcolm Campbell is following in the Aquitania a week later.

Sir Malcolm hopes to make his attempt on the record on February 19, as a full moon occurs on that date, and the beach and weather conditions should then be at their best. A considerable advance on the present record of 272.108 miles per hour, set by Sir Malcolm Campbell at Daytona on February 22, 1934, is anticipated.

Engineers associated with the construction of the car prophesy 300 miles per hour.

British Wireless.

TOUR OF EARL OF PLYMOUTH

London, Jan. 9.
The Earl of Plymouth, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, accompanied by Mr. Cressy, of the Colonial Office, left London to-day on a visit to the West African Colonies.

Lord Plymouth will be largely occupied with the question of rubber.

If Gossip We Must

(By "FRUDENCE")

Entertaining has undergone a minor revolution lately, in Hong Kong, as well as in the outer world—and a very good thing too. Gone are those terrible many-course dinners. That form of entertainment has been slain by the "slimmers". The Bridge-table is gradually being ousted by the radio—but the Cocktail-Party has definitely come into its own as the easiest and most amusing way of meeting one's friends. It is impossible not to be at one's brightest and best while sipping frosty and invigorating cocktails, and nibbling hot and spicy sausageettes.

A most delightful party of this description was given by Mr. and Mrs. Felix Joseph, at their house "Bergstein" last Monday. Situated high above Stubbs Road, it is difficult of access for the motorist but the problem of safe approach was solved that evening by our thoughtful host placing scouts at the top and bottom of the hill, while strings of gaily-coloured lanterns lit up the dangerous corners.

There must have been about sixty cars parked on the upper lawn; and more than twice that number of guests within. Mrs. Joseph looked most lovely in a dress of supple black velvet; which threw up her dazzling complexion and gleaming curls. She was busy introducing everyone to her pretty niece-in-law, Miss Toledo who has come out here for a visit.

There were so many people that it would be easier to write a short list of those who were not present, but there, too, I might go wrong, and list those whom I failed to see.



At the Vanling Races

In the crush. Anyway the Young Set was there in force. Joan Dowbiggin in green, and Jean Bird in gray, Yvonne Shenton in terracotta and Bee Walker in a dark dress with flashes of gold. Rosalie Alabaster with a smart little Russian fez; and her friend Elizabeth Montkton. Beryl Faire, daintily cuffed and collared; Pamela Scott Harston of course, and Mrs. Comp-ton, (sparkling as ever) brought her little daughter Suzette along—much too young really for such things. (since she is only about eleven) but assuming the most delightfully grown-up manner for the occasion.

Mrs. Hodgson was there with her daughter, who, by the way, is going to strike out a line of her own as a professional photographer—she has studied in England and took the subject most thoroughly—and there is likely to be a regular rush

for her portraits when she opens her Studio in Gloucester Building next month.

Mrs. Maclean looked lovelier than ever. Mrs. Stanton was very chic as usual, and so was Mrs. Draper. Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Keith Valentine both wore the very latest fashion in shoulders. Mrs. David Strellett had a most elegant little elbow-cape. Mrs. Holt was surrounded by a gay crowd as always. Mme. de Precourt looked delicious in salmon-pink, and her fair-haired sister Hermione Beauclerk was charming in blue. Mrs. McAvoy had a most provocative little hat—and there were dozens of others—but memory fails me. And of course all the husbands came along too, not to mention most of our best bachelors—in fact they were still arriving when I finally tore myself reluctantly away.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Two cases of Diphtheria were reported to the Health Authorities during 24 hours ended Jan. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Langston returned to the Colony yesterday by the s.s. Rawalpindi from Singapore.

The Hon. Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a donation of \$5 towards the Divisional fund from Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell.

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The many friends of Dr. Isaac Newton, Hong Kong Government Medical Officer, will be interested to learn that he has secured a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons, at the Edinburgh University. Dr. Newton is at present home on leave, and during his holiday he has spent considerable time in studies at the said University.

ANCESTRAL LIABILITIES

(Special Air Mail Service)
London, Dec. 19.
Certain novel propositions have been made to Col. Josiah Wedgwood, M.P., in reply to his appeal for the necessary funds to prepare the History of Parliament.

Sir Henry Pass O.M. has offered £2,000 every year, has been in Parliament for 21 years, and is an ancestor in Parliament, and one of every M.P.'s descendant, of the Hereditary Peer who had died at 10 Downing.

Col. Wedgwood is bringing this liability will run to a considerable sum.

Owing to pressure on space, the contribution "Straight From The Shoulder" which appears on this page on Friday is held over until to-morrow.

We understand that Mr. Ho Kom Tong, O.B.E., the well-known philanthropist, has offered to provide an epidiascope to the School of Surgery at the Hong Kong University.

Mr. Max Malini the magician is passing through Hong Kong on his way to Manila on the President McKinley. Mr. Malini will return here in about two months' time when the public will have the opportunity to see him.

While the s.s. "Sirdhane" was on her way from Singapore to Hong Kong a Chinese male passenger named Ho Sing suddenly became insane and had to be put in irons. On the boat's arrival in Hong Kong yesterday the man was removed to the Asylum.

A concert will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Saturday, January 12, at 9 p.m. by members of the Russian community in aid of funds for the Russian Orthodox Church in Hong Kong. The programme will consist of music by Prof. Markletoff and Prof. Tinnoff, and Russian dances, songs and scenes by local artists.

The slightly decomposed body of a Chinese male aged about 30 to 35 years about 5 feet high was recovered in the chamber of the Whampoa Dock Kowloon yesterday at about noon. The man had the appearance of a Chinese coolie and was wearing a black cotton jacket, with blue stripes cotton underpants. The body was found floating at about 11 a.m. The wrists were tightly tied behind the back with a piece of cord.

MORE EXPENSIVE FOR MOTORISTS

(Special Air Mail Service)
London, Dec. 19.
Apart from their other troubles, those who start their motoring career after the new Act comes into force will have to pay 17s. 6d. in their first year for a driver's licence.

The provisional learner's licence for three months will cost 6s. Then comes the examination for 10s. 6d.

In the candidate's examination he will have to drive another 50 on the ordinary driver's licence.

NEWS SUMMARY

An enjoyable concert was held yesterday at the Helena May Institute before a very appreciative audience. Page 6.

The dance programme for St. George's Ball to-night is published on Page 7.

A copy of the report of the result of the British Empire Cancer Campaign has been received which shows that a sum of \$260,000 has been raised. Page 11.

The defence was opened yesterday in the claim before the Supreme Court in which the Banque Franco-Chinoise are being sued for \$591,840. Page 8.

The names of the players selected for the first trial match for the Macao Interport on Sunday morning, appear on Page 10.

Seaman Barry the Lightweight Champion of the R.N. and R.M. 1931 and 1932, and official welterweight champion of Shanghai 1931 is coming to the China Station on the H.M.S. Beryl which is expected on Saturday. Page 10.

Charges of alleged misconduct by interfering with the safe navigation of the ship brought by the Captain against Mr. J. Johnston, Chief Officer were found not proven by a Marine Court of enquiry. Page 6.

The Portuguese kidnapping case was concluded yesterday when the magistrate reserved judgment until Wednesday next. Page 6.

ROYAL COUPLE'S TOUR

London, Jan. 10.
The Duke and Duchess of Kent will leave London on their cruise of the West Indies in the Canadian Pacific liner Duchess of Richmond on January 25. The latter is undertaking a 48 days cruise, but it is not expected that the Duke and Duchess will remain on board throughout the whole voyage. British Wireless.

Presumably a notice will be issued in a private area could save the initials. One cannot know what kind of man is a driver who has been from the streets of the city to the mountains of the Alps, and then back to the city.

ANOTHER BRAWL AT THE STATION

Status Quo Champions And Hitlerites

Saarbrücken, Jan. 10. The Saar police checked another brawl at the station when following the non-arrival of expected voters from America, the champions of status quo and Hitlerites shouted mutual abuse at each other and sang the Internationale and German national anthem. Hitlerite leaders kept their followers in check till the police arrived.

The appearance of the streets is normal though, excepting one Marxist shop displaying a portrait of Lenin and shop windows crammed with portraits and statues of Nazi leaders and Nazi literature. Under the surface feeling is "white hot." Forged leaflets are distributed announcing that the anti-Hitler Catholic league has been dissolved because it cannot associate godless communists. On the contrary it is reported that the advocates of status quo also distributed forged leaflets signed by leading Hitlerites.

BALLOT BOX SAFETY
Most elaborate precautions are being taken against theft and sabotage of ballot boxes during transport to the counting centre at Saarbrücken on Sunday. Foreign troops man the special trains containing the boxes and escort lorries with tanks, armoured cars and motor cyclists. The result of the vote is a foregone conclusion but it is generally anticipated that status quoites' vote will be considerable, forecasts varying between 20 and 40 per cent.

PARTITION PROVISION
The "Manchester Guardian" says that the Versailles Treaty permits the League to partition the Saar according to the relative strength of the voting, but obviously it is desirable to retain the Saar's unity.

DEPOSITS TRANSFERRED
Saarbrücken Jan. 10. It is estimated that over one hundred million francs were transferred in the last fortnight to banks on the French side of the frontier by people nervous that their money will be impounded after the plebiscite.

TAKING NO RISKS
French Guards At Saar Frontier

(Special to "Hong Kong Daily Press")
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Paris, Jan. 10. French authorities are taking extensive precautions in the Saar frontier in view of next Sunday's plebiscite according to present despatches which state that 11 detachments of mobile guards equipped with motor cars as well as 48 reserve detachments of customs officers will be on duty there that day.

Three thousand emigrants will be permitted to remain in Moselle on condition that they are French either by descent or naturalisation.

In order to be able to cope with the emergency, the authorities made preparations for giving hospitality to 40,000 fugitives and ambulance stations under Army doctors are already established along the frontier.

GERMAN AUTHORITY ON JAPAN
Celebrates Birthday

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press")
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Berlin, January 10. The well-known German authority on Japan and Professor of Japanology at the Hamburg University, which chair he occupied for the past 20 years, Professor Karl Florentz, celebrated his 70th birthday today. Florentz was the recipient of numerous honours and distinctions from Japan and Germany. Papers published today in the Press Florentz who played the way in

INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE

Mr. Toshio Katsube And Miss Green

Tokyo, Jan. 10. An international marriage tangle which attracted widespread attention in both British and Japanese circles was brought to a happy end today when Foreign Minister Hirota gave formal permission for the Union of Mr. Toshio Katsube, former member of the Japanese Embassy in London, and Miss Lillian Green, the Scottish singer.

Simultaneously with the granting of permission, it was announced that Mr. Katsube has been assigned to the Japanese Legation at Bogota, Colombia, for which place the couple will leave Yokohama on January 17 aboard the Asama Maru.

Mr. Katsube is one of the twenty-five Japanese diplomats who have married foreigners.

QUEENSLAND'S GOVERNOR

To Visit Singapore Shortly

Singapore, Jan. 10. It is understood that the Governor of Queensland, Colonel the Right Hon. Sir Leslie Orme Wilson, will be visiting Singapore in the course of a two months' holiday in the Far East.

The visit is described as a purely private one, but in view of the recent report of Colonel Sir Maurice Hankey on his Empire tour and more particularly in regard to Australia, it is natural that the Governor of the Australian State is likely to be interested in Singapore defences.

SILVER MARKET

(From Our Own Correspondent)
London, January 10. London silver prices to-day were unchanged as follows:
Jan. 9 Jan. 10
Spot 24-9/16 24-9/16
Forward 24-11/16 24-11/16
London on New York cross rate at 2.00 p.m. to-day was 4.92-7/16 compared with 4.92-1/2 at closing yesterday.

BACK ON THE LAND

Interest Aroused In Scheme

London, January 10. A passage in the New Year broadcast message from the Prime Minister in which he said he looked forward with great expectation to the scheme for new land settlements aimed ultimately at placing thousands of families back on the land has aroused much interest and the "Daily Telegraph" states that the scheme fore-shadowed has been drawn up by Commissioners appointed for special areas, formerly known as depressed areas, and the Minister of Agriculture. The "Telegraph" says the scheme will provide for settlement of some 18,000 families from special areas in groups of 150 to 200 on small holdings of between three and five acres.

Each group it is said will be provided with an instructor in production of market garden crops, pigs and poultry, and materials for houses and all necessary stock and equipment will be provided by the Government.

MANIAC KILLS SEVEN PERSONS

Seven persons including a man, his wife and three adult children were shot dead by a maniac relative armed with a rifle who also wounded two other members of the family following a family quarrel.

He was hunted down by police, but committed suicide before he could be arrested.

Germany for the study of the Japanese language and literature. It will be remembered that Florentz is the translator of "The Japanese Village School" a famous Japanese drama.

RESULT OF THE ROME NEGOTIATIONS

French And German Armaments

(Special to "Hong Kong Daily Press")
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Paris, January 10. "Echo de Paris," which is generally considered the organ of the French General Staff, publishes a front page article by its foreign political correspondent Pertinax in which the latter deals at some length with the result of the Rome negotiations. "It is stated," writes Pertinax, "that Laval had succeeded in winning the Duce's support for the thesis of legitimacy of French superiority in armaments as regards Germany but this is not so important as made out, the main point being that Sir John Simon had succeeded already on December 12, in conversation with Flandin and Laval, in obtaining renunciation of the late M. Barthou's note of April 17 last which marked France's diplomatic and military rehabilitation.

At that time the two French foreign ministers had assured Sir John Simon that they were willing on principle and under certain conditions to legalise Germany's rearmament. Laval for his part became even deeper involved in the endless discussions which were undertaken without consulting the Supreme War Council and which threatened to paralyse French rearmament.

Pertinax stresses in conclusion that Italy's recognition of the legitimacy of French superiority in armaments could only assume a positive value if control and sanctions could be put into operation but only ideologists could hope to accomplish this.

MEETING OF CABINET

Foreign Politics Discussed

(Special to "Hong Kong Daily Press")
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London, Jan. 10. The first cabinet meeting after the Christmas and New Year recess took place on Wednesday, lasting several hours, when the chief topic of conversation was the foreign political situation, above all the Rome agreements between Laval and Mussolini and the question of disarmament.

The fact that Sir John Simon and Capt. Antony Eden will leave for Geneva on Thursday strongly suggests that the British delegates intend to use the occasion presenting itself at Geneva for an exhaustive review of the entire foreign political situation. Sir John Simon does not intend to stay at Geneva until the end of the League of Nations Council session, but after conversations with Laval he will leave for London as soon as the result of the Saar plebiscite is known. Sir John Simon's programme in London is the preparation for the next official phase of negotiations between the English and French ministers when Flandin and Laval visit the British capital.

LAVAL GETTING READY FOR ANOTHER TRIP

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Paris, January 10. M. Laval, who has been very active since his return from Rome, and who after reporting to the president of the Republic had interviews with the British, Chinese and American Ambassadors and the Austrian minister, is preparing for his trip to Geneva and London. He is confirmed to leave for London on Friday.

Laval's trip to London is expected to be a very important one, as it will be the first time since the Munich crisis that he has visited the British capital.

It is understood that the terms of the British trade pact with India, which was signed yesterday in London, will be followed in principle by the Government in dealing with other United Kingdom goods subject to protective duties. United Kingdom goods on their part give certain assurances in return.

HUNGARIAN RESERVE

(Special to "Hong Kong Daily Press")
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Sofia, January 10. The upshot of the Rome discussions was received by the Bulgarian Press with a great deal of scepticism and with marked reserve. The papers emphasize the Rome arrangements as being not exactly suited in cementing European peace, France with great zeal advocating the maintenance of injustices embodied in "the dictations of peace" well deserving a better and more reasonable cause writes "Mir." The paper speaks of small war profiteering states in Central and South East Europe trailed by France's Charlot.

LAVAL SATISFIED

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press") (Copyright.)

Paris, Jan. 9. "I return from Rome completely satisfied since I have sealed the Franco-Italian friendship permanently secure, thus serving the interests of both countries and of peace," declared Laval on arriving at Paris on Wednesday where he was met at the station by a distinguished company including the representative of the French President and several cabinet members and high officials as well as six members of the diplomatic corps.

Immediately on reaching Quai d'Orsay Laval received the British charge d'affaires, Mr. Campbell to whom he gave an account of the discussions in Rome, afterwards visiting Lebrun and Flandin.

HUNGARY'S REPORT

To Be Presented To League

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Budapest, Jan. 9. A great surprise was caused on Wednesday by the sudden departure to Geneva of the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Kanya, and the chief of the Press section of the Foreign Ministry, State Secretary Tahy. Kanya declared before leaving that the Hungarian Government would now submit to the League of Nations the result of the official investigations into the activities and treatment of the Croatian emigrants in Hungary. Kanya stated, moreover, that the Hungarian Government was prepared to negotiate this question.

In leading political circles here, it is believed that the unexpected departure of, first, Tibor von Eckhardt and then Kanya and Tahy was due to the wish of the Italian Government which desires to dispose of the dispute with Yugoslavia as soon as possible and the early adherence of Hungary to the non-intervention pact he had just arranged with M. Laval.

It is also assumed that in the light of the recent Franco-Italian agreement, the League of Nations Council will not press further the discussion on the Hungarian-Yugoslav conflict but will confine itself to acknowledging the receipt of Hungary's report.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN AUSTRIA

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press") (Copyright.)
Vienna, January 9. That Austria is by no means yet free from the Communist influence despite active and energetic measures taken since the February insurrection is evidenced by the discovery of a virile Communist organisation in upper Austria as a result of which 60 Communists have been arrested.

Fifty-two employees have also been summarily dismissed from the State railway in the Salzburg district and activities in the district to keep alive the Communist movement are being suppressed.

BRITISH TRADE PACT WITH INDIA

London, January 10. It is understood that the terms of the British trade pact with India, which was signed yesterday in London, will be followed in principle by the Government in dealing with other United Kingdom goods subject to protective duties. United Kingdom goods on their part give certain assurances in return.

The Sign of the Perfect Blend



PERSIAN-IRAK CONFLICT

Sovereign Rights On River

(Special to "Hong Kong Daily Press")
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Geneva, Jan. 10. The Persian foreign minister Kaperi received representatives of the international press immediately after arrival and made a statement about the Persian-Irak conflict which will be dealt with at the next League of Nations Council session. A memorandum on the matter has also been handed in to the League of Nations secretariat setting forth the Persian views on the frontier dispute.

It will be remembered that the Irak government lodged a complaint at Geneva based on article XI section 2 of the League of Nations covenant that Persia had not respected the frontier between Persia and Irak as determined in 1914 and claiming among other things sovereign rights on the river "Shat el Arab."

The Persian foreign minister explained to the press that the dispute was the outcome of the former Anglo-Russian agreements and frontier treaty forced on Persia in 1914. Neither the Persian nor the Turkish parliament had accepted these treaties after Irak had been constituted a European state and a member of the League of Nations. The Irak Government had not accepted Persia's offer.

Persia demands that the frontier should be in the middle of the river and not as by the treaty of 1914 on the Persian Bank of the river. Persia insists on being in a position to maintain the river police on her own waters. In actual fact this right has been exercised by Persia for several years past.

RIVER HUMBER DISASTER

Trawler Strikes A Sand Bank

London, Jan. 9. The 336-ton trawler Edgar Wallace struck a sandbank in the River Humber near Hull tonight heeled over and sank immediately.

Fifteen are believed drowned. There are known to be only two survivors up to the present, one of whom clung to some wreckage for over an hour before being rescued. The drowned are now estimated at 13 and there are three survivors states a later message.

The disaster happened only three-quarters of a mile off Humber dock when the trawler was heeled over and sank.

COMMODORE OF CUNARD WHITE STAR FLEET

London, Jan. 10. Commander Sir Edgar Batten has been appointed Commodore of the Cunard White Star fleet.

HOME FOOTBALL
GOSSIP

Items From All Quarters

(From a Special Correspondent.)

London, Dec. 23.
On Huddersfield Town's visits over the Border this season Mr. Clem Stephenson has formed a very high impression of the Hearts team. Says Clem: "The Hearts are the best I've seen for many years."

Dan McMorris, the former Liverpool winger, is still to be seen on Merseyside. Dan plays occasionally for Runcorn, the Cheshire League club, but has given football a back seat for business.

George Mutch continues in the role of goal-getter for Manchester United. The stocky Scot scored one of the two by which Bradford were beaten at Park Avenue. George's brother, Bill, came by an unfortunate leg injury in one of his first games for the United reserves, that at Liverpool.

Arsenal's home games are something of a delight for the High-bury enthusiasts. The Gunners have scored 47 in 10 home games—something of a record.

Jock Friar didn't take long to get acquainted with his Preston North End colleagues. The ex-Port Vale outside-right played usefully at Leeds in his first game and scored one of the three goals.

An Unlucky Day
Never rains but it pours, say Blackburn Rovers. In the game with Derby County two of the Rovers players were badly crocked. Jesse Carver was taken off the field with a leg injury. Jim Gorman was a cripple on the right touchline for the greater part of the game.

Most of the damage caused to Bolton Wanderers in the match with West Ham was brought about by the veterans, Jimmy Ruffell and Vic Watson. Both scored twice.

Bolton Wanderers were deposed from leadership last Saturday after holding the honour for three months. In recent away games the Wanderers have not been impressive. The display at Norwich is the exception.

Sam Weaver was ordered off the field in the Newcastle v. Oldham game at St. James' Park. The international half-back figured in an "incident" which Mr. H. Dale, of Sheffield—the referee—objected to.

Bury's new outside-left, Albert Gregory, is a commercial artist. He was obtained from Manchester North End this season. His debut against Notts County at Gigg Lane was a promising affair.

It is likely that Willie Cook will be back in the Bolton Wanderers team for the Christmas matches. He was chosen to play against West Ham last week, but was not sufficiently recovered from a strain.

A Good Move
Burnley's move of placing George Brown at inside-right with Cecil Smith as centre-forward was a big success at Norwich. Both scored before the game was half an hour old.

Bolton Wanderers players travelled from their match with West Ham to Cleveleys, the Lancashire coast resort, where they have spent the week. Golf largely occupied their time.

Derby County have high hopes that Udall, the ex-Leicester City back, will fill the breach created by Tommy Cooper's transfer to Liverpool. A big lad is Udall and he doesn't spare himself.

A remarkable succession of defeats for those clubs at the lower end of the Second Division occurred last Saturday. Starting at the foot with Notts County, and finishing up with Barnsley, eight from the foot, every one of them lost!

Luton Town have not relaxed their determination to further strengthen the attack.

It was curious Millwall should drop a Roberts from inside-left and Luton should introduce one of the same ilk in that position. Millwall are playing very good football everywhere except in finishing, and they have a very strong middle line. This was their third defeat at the Den, the other two having been inflicted by the two Bristol clubs.

Northampton Town did a rather daring thing when they decided to introduce young Ernest Hobbs to the attack for the replayed cup-tie at Workington, but the policy paid. He scored the one goal that mattered, and kept the Cobblers in the competition. Perhaps it was just as well that he was not asked to turn out again two days later for the League game, since he is young, and needs must feel the strain of such a game.

Transfer Time
The Christmas games are prominent in football managerial minds at the moment. Just as prominent are the cup-ties. For that reason several transfers are anticipated before December 30. New players must be signed by that date to be eligible to play in the third round ties on January 12.

Reggie Meen, former heavy-weight champion of Great Britain, is not to fight again. An arm injury in a motor accident is his reason for abandoning the ring.

Manchester City have made a fine capture in Ted Dawson, the Blyth Spartans goalkeeper. The City were particularly impressed with Dawson in his cup-tie display against Stockport County.

Arthur Bullock, an amateur outside-left, late of Hull City, has signed for York City. Bullock stands 5ft. 9in., and weighs 11st. 5lb., assisted the Tigers in 14 matches last season.

The Handy Man.
Smalley is rapidly becoming the handy man for the Wolves, and one of these days he may be found a settled position in the first team. So far this season he has figured in one or two places in the forward line, whilst in the match at Stoke he took for the first time the post of pivot, having previously turned out on both the right and left wing.

If Walter Boyes, of West Bromwich Albion, keeps up the rate of scoring which has marked his efforts so far he will, at the end of the season have created a record for a winger. His two goals against Grimsby Town brought his total for the season up to 14, making him second best scorer for the team. It also brought him the extraordinary record of six doubles in nine matches, a feat which does not stand to the credit of any other extreme winger.

F. H. Broome, the Berkhamstead amateur centre-forward who has turned professional for Aston Villa, is making such progress that he has been promoted to the Central League side. He scored four goals in a recent Midland Mid-Week League game and greatly impressed the management.

F. Roberts, the Birmingham forward now with Luton Town, is one of the most versatile of players. Roberts went to Birmingham from a junior side last season during which he made 20 appearances with the first team, figuring first as centre-forward and later as inside-right and inside-left. He has also been tried in the half-back line and as a back, but it was perhaps as goalkeeper that he showed up best as a defender. In a match at Anfield last March Hibbs was injured and Roberts, who went between the sticks, brought off some remarkable saves. The Liverpool crowd simply rose to him at the end of the game for his plucky display, and one of the first to congratulate him was Hibbs himself.

Billy Wrigglesworth, the Chesterfield left winger, soon got his chance with the first team of the Wolves, to whom he was recently transferred, and judging by his performance in the match at Stoke where he scored the winning goal, he has come to stay in the side.

Donald Dearson, who made his debut in the Birmingham first team against Huddersfield Town, is a Welshman and made a big reputation whilst playing for Barry in South Wales football. Dearson is the 20th player tried by the Blues this season, and the 16th to appear in the attack.

Utterson, the Irish goalkeeper, was the third to be tried by Wolves this season and judged on his brilliant debut has come to stay at Molineux Grounds. As the way

YACHTING

R.H.K.Y.C. v. Navy

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and the Navy will sail off their annual Yacht race on Sunday, when the Navy will be represented by Commodore Frank Elliott, W. G. Cowland and Comdr. D. Orr-Ewing (Staff), Captain Forgyth, Captain L. D. Caffyn (Tamar), Captain I.B.B. Tower (Kent), Lt. L. B. Curgenven (Kent), Pay. Lt. McMullen (Kent), Comdr. H.P.K. Oram (Bruce), Lt. Comdr. M. T. Collier (Oswald), Lt. W.A.I. Campbell (Kent), Lt. B. E. O'Brien (Perseus), Lt. H. G. Walter (Oswald), Lt. G.C.I. St. B.S. Watkins (Oswald), Lt. Aldy (Medway), Lt. Comdr. H.V. King (Odin), Lt. M. E. G. Wingfield (Odin), Lt. Comdr. S.A. Buss (Duchess), Lt. Swain (Duchess), Lt. F.N. Elliott (Diamond), Lt. Comdr. D. Tod (Adventure), Lt. R.C. Sewell (Hermes), Lt. V. D.A. Donaldson (Dunoon).

HOCKEY TRIAL

Interport Match
Against Macao

The following teams have been selected to play in the first trial match for the Macao Interport on the H.K. & S. Bde. R.A. Marina Ground at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday. Players who cannot attend are asked to notify Mr. F. A. Kemp, c/o Government Radio Office, Hon. Sec. H.K.H.A. as soon as possible.

WHITES

Pte. Hollingsworth (Army); Dr. A. M. Rodriguez (Recreio) and E. V. Reed (Club); W. A. Reed (Club), Lt. Cdr. Newson (Navy) and L/Nk. Alast Dm (Army); N. A. E. Mackay (Club); G. E. R. Dwyer (Club); Awar Singh (Radio S.C.); Mr. Lt. Lascelles (Navy) and J. M. Pinto (Incogs). Reserves: Parduman Singh (Radio), B. Gosano (Recreio), T. S. D. Whitley (C.B.A.).

COLOURS

U. B. Souza (Radio S.C.); F. V. Wong (St. Andrew's) and Sepoy Khan Bahadur (Army); J. Goncalves (Recreio), Dulla Singh (Army) and Parker (Police); H. Owen Hughes (Club), Lieut. Garthwaite (Army), Colour Sgt. Reekes (Army), Kartar Singh (Army) and Lal Singh (Army). Reserves: Lt. Robbier (Army), A. S. Bliss (St. Andrew's) and Surjit Singh (Radio S.C.).

LADIES' TRIAL FOR "THE REST"

In a hockey encounter between two teams selected from the various Ladies Hockey Clubs in Hong Kong in order to choose an XI for the rest of Hong Kong apart from the Interport team against Shanghai resulted in a draw of one goal all. Play was poor on the whole, being very scrappy, and players did not seem to get going.

After the interval many changes were made. Both goals were scored in a scramble.

SEAMAN BARRY COMING

Lightweight Boxing Champion

With the arrival in the Colony of the H.M.S. Berwick, we should see some fine boxing in the Colony as there appear to be a host of exceptional talent on board.

One outstanding boxer on the Berwick is Able Seaman Fred Barry who was light weight champion of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines in 1931 and 1932, and winner of the official Welterweight Championship at Shanghai in 1933.

The Berwick is due in the Colony on Saturday and boxing fans will be glad to hear that her boxers will be willing to step into the ring just as soon as fights could be arranged for them.

Utterson, who is only 19 years old, and has a very promising future before him, is not an Irishman, being a native of Gateshead.

Blackham, the outside-right of Cradley Heath, a Birmingham and District League club, is attracting a host of scouts by his fine displays. He has been performing so well throughout the season that Cradley's supporters are a bit mystified why Chesterfield should have allowed him to go for nothing at the end of last season.

WEST INDIES
CRICKETWyatt Declares At
81 For 7

Barbadoes, Jan. 9.
Overnight rain soaked the wicket, and there was no play to-day before tea time in the cricket Test between the West Indies and England.

On the resumption of play, England suffered a reverse, Haydon and E. R. T. Holmes the Surrey skipper, with the second and third balls of the first over of the day with the total at 81 for 7.

Though England were 21 runs in arrears, with three wickets in hand, Wyatt decided to declare in an attempt to force a win with his spin bowlers.

West Indies lost three wickets before the close for 33 runs, Smith being responsible for the dismissals.

The match will be continued tomorrow which is the last day in this first Test.

The following are the scores:—

W. Indies 102

ENGLAND—1st Innings

R. E. S. Wyatt, c R. Grant, b Martindale 8

Leyland, b Martindale 3

Hammond, c R. Grant, b Hynton 43

Hendren, c R. Grant, b Martindale 3

Ames, lb.w., b R. Grant 8

Smith, c Jones, b Hynton 9

Iddon, not out 14

E. R. T. Holmes, c Achong, b Hynton 0

Extras 2

Total (for 7 wts, dec.) 81

Paine, Hollies, and K. Varnes did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.

Martindale 9 0 39 3

Hynton 7 3 8 3

Achong 6 1 14 0

Grant 7 0 18 1

W. INDIES—2nd Innings

R. Grant, c Paine, b Smith 0

E. A. Martindale, lb.w., b Smith 0

Hynton, not out 17

E. Achong, b Smith 0

Christians, not out 6

Extras 10

Total (for 9 wts.) 33

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TRAFFIC IN OPIUM

When the case came up again before Mr. Q.A.A. McFadyen yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy Chan Nam alias Chung Nam, Tang Yan, Li Sze, a married woman and Hamilton Mars, an accountant, were charged with (a) the possession of raw opium in room 409 of the Nathan Hotel on January 1 and (b) unlawfully dealing in or offering to deal in raw opium.

The first charge against the fourth defendant was amended to a different address and date. This defendant pleaded not guilty and offered to appear as a witness for the crown.

Mr. F. H. Loseby therefore asked his Worship to try his case separately as it would not be fair for the first three defendants whom he is defending. His Worship agreed and Mars was accordingly taken out of court.

The charges that were previously preferred against Victor Jahonkheizi, a Russian, were withdrawn. Revenue Officer Grimmit who is prosecuting related to the court the movements and arrangements of the defendants how on December 30, 1934 was given as expenses to the Russian to go to the White House Hotel in Canton and the first defendant there gave him two parcels to take back to Hong Kong by the Taishan. When the Russian arrived he was shadowed and arriving at 2 Lock Road he went to 11A Jordan Road to report as per instructions. He went back to Lock Road asking Mars to send somebody there as he was not admitted. Shortly after his arrival the first and second defendants came. He was then told to take two parcels to a shop opposite the Majestic Theatre and there he was met by the second defendant. There the second defendant took the parcels to Nathan Hotel. Detectives followed and entered room 409 and found all three defendants on the bed with the parcels but all disclaimed ownership. The room was entered by the first defendant. Mars was arrested after enquiries. At this stage the third defendant was charged.

Questions by Mr. Loseby were answered to answer questions as to how long has this particular defendant been in Hong Kong. It was further evidence that Mars gave by F. Jahonkheizi the case was adjourned until 10 days.

MORE PEACEFUL
CHINABut Less Trading
Activity

London, January 9.
"A more peaceful China, but alas, less trading activity," comments the Manchester Chamber of Commerce in its annual review of commerce with China, drawing attention to the diminishing Chinese purchasing power.

This decline of purchasing power is seen as the chief cause of Lancashire's rapidly contracting piece goods trade. And it is difficult to see how matters can be improved until China either obtains better prices for her products internally or finds an increased demand for her export materials abroad, says the review.

While Japanese competition in China remained very keen, this was especially due to the proximity of the market, and it is to be borne in mind that Japan's exports, too, are decreasing in the China field.

The frequency of the Chinese tariff changes is compelling buyers to exercise the greatest caution. Moreover, customs receipts, answering to the law now show diminishing totals, for the heavy duties enforced, are encouraging large scale smuggling.

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ANOTHER TRAIN SMASH
IN RUSSIA

Moscow, January 9.
Six persons were killed and 23 seriously injured in the second major railway disaster in the past three days.

The accident occurred when a Moscow express crashed into the rear of a stationary train near Rostovodonon early yesterday morning.

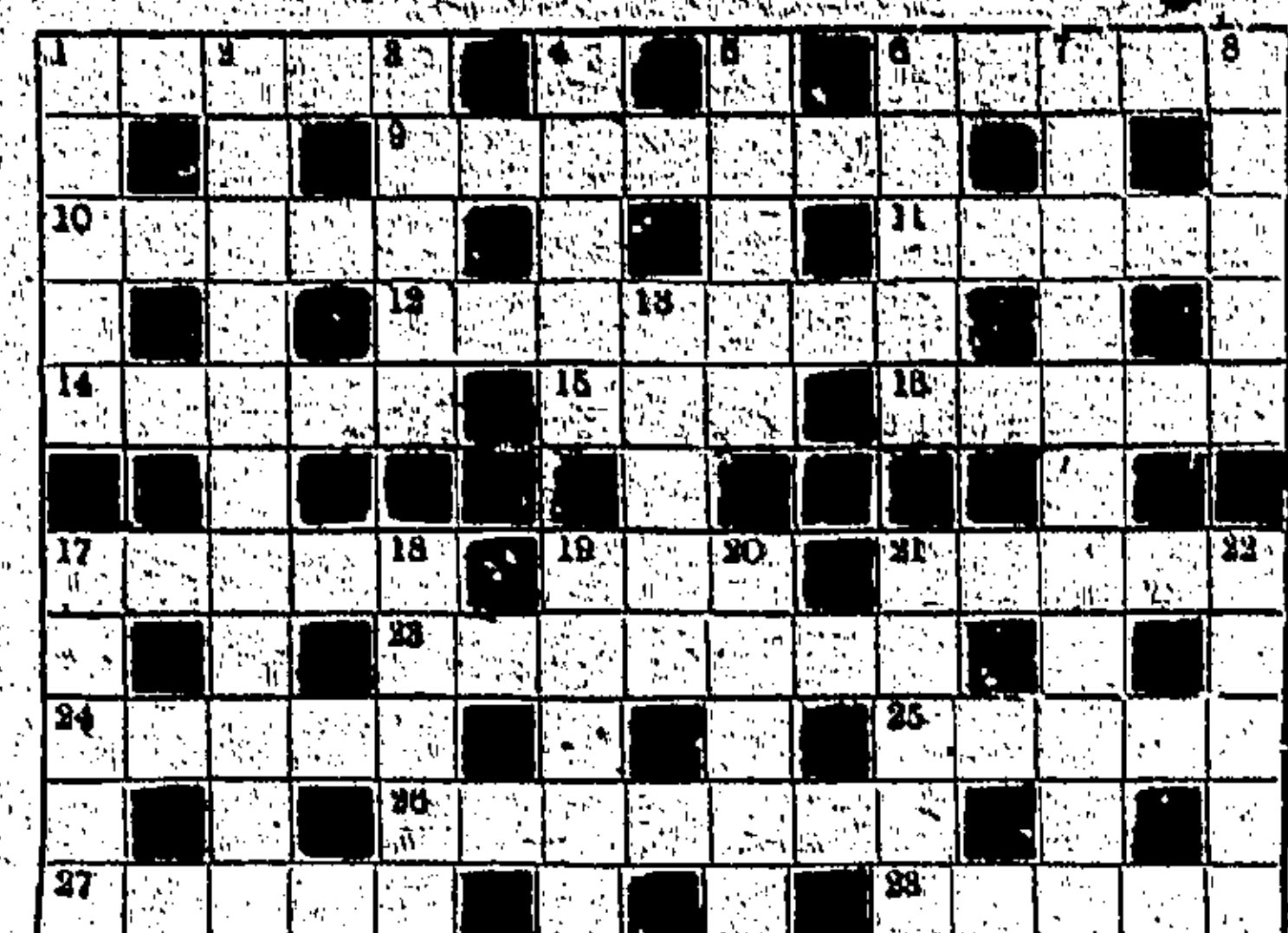
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FIRE IN FRANCE

Grenoble, January 9.
A whole block of houses in this French town was set alight to-day by a fire in a rubber warehouse in the centre of the town. The fire, which is threatening other parts of the town, is still blazing furiously. All the fire brigades have been called out.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Note:—Figures in parentheses indicate number of letters in the words required.

ACROSS

- 1.—There's an expression of doubt in this boat (5).
- 6.—This adds a touch of piquancy to things (5).
- 9.—Beau-Brummell-ish (7).
- 10.—Comparatively mature (5).
- 11.—What one must naturally do at the beginning of the entertainment (5).
- 12.—Backslide, in a sense (7).
- 14.—My hat! It's both hirsute and military! (5).
- 15.—Have a shot, at any rate (3).
- 16.—Peeled (5).
- 17.—Unfasten as it is, but much the reverse otherwise (5).
- 19.—Interjectionary border (3).
- 21.—Starting-price of a kind (5).
- 23.—Making the maximum noise (7).
- 24.—Might be described as a herd on the move (5).
- 25.—Twist the cord (5).
- 26.—Impulse with some impetus (7).
- 27.—Obsolete jewellery is sometimes this (5).
- 28.—Carried on like anything! (5).

DOWN

- 1.—Bush from the brush (5).
- 2.—Disliked equally by school-boys and taxpayers (11).
- 3.—Will assist your progress from bank to bank (5).
- 4.—Distrusted (5).
- 5.—Far from being down in the dumps (5).
- 6.—To soak in liquid is clearly exorbitant (5).
- 7.—"Intense grit" (anagram) (11).
- 8.—Equipped with aural appendages! (5).
- 13.—Equipped with warlike appendages! (5).
- 17.—Go this, and you may not survive (5).
- 18.—Chosen (5).
- 19.—Shies, but not as a horse (5).
- 20.—This deserves its reward (5).
- 21.—Circulate—and in no legal manner maybe (5).
- 22.—Tendency (5).

The following is the solution of yesterday's puzzle:—

Across.—1, Intimate; 8, Seamark;

9, Pianoforte; 10, Cargo; 12, Ogle-

by; 13, Gush; 14, Cup; 16, Adam;

17, Sports; 18, Shawm; 22, Cele-

brated; 23, Cantuar; 24, Trencher.

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FOG IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, January 10.
A pea-soup fog, the thickest near the waterfront and the worst for many years, blanketed the city to-day. It delayed traffic during the morning but mail planes left according to schedule.

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CHINESE COTTON GOODS

Nanking, January 10.
That speculation on Chinese cotton goods exchange be prohibited on the ground of serious effects on the Chinese cotton industry is urged by over ten Chinese cotton mills in a petition to Government.

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50 years
of popularity
"Three Castles"
Virginia cigarettes
firmly uphold
their reputation
of excellence.

MONTHLY WATER RETURN

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on January 1, 1935.

ISLAND WATER WORKS

Reservoir	Below Overflow	Contents in Millions of Gallons	1934	Below Overflow	Contents in Millions of Gallons	1935
Tydam	7' 7"	322.85	8' 8"	314.78		
Tydam Byewash	24' 4"	.88	18' 6"	3.60		
Tydam Intermediate	19' 6"	102.72	0' 7"	192.65		
Tydam Tuk	11' 0"	1,182.00	18' 9"	1,042.01		
Wong Nei Chung	17' 10"	11.52	19' 11"	9.91		
Pokfulam	10' 8"	42.92	12' 4"	39.42		
Aberdeen Upper	6' 6"	141.32	11' 1"	121.44		
Aberdeen Lower	21' 7"	31.24	19' 10"	44.22		
Total Storage		1,815.55		1,788.03		

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions of gallons during the month of December.

	1933	1934
Consumption	260.29*	252.38 Million gallons
Estimated population	387,750	390,750
Consumption per head per day	21.7	24.2 Gallons

* Includes 11.83 M.G. from Mainland.

December 1933.—A 10 hours supply (8—11 a.m. and 4—9 p.m.) was given to all districts during the whole month.

December 1934.—From 1st to 20th a 15 hours supply (6 a.m.—9 p.m.) was given to all districts. From 21st to 31st a 10 hours supply (6—11 a.m. and 4—9 p.m.) was given to all districts.

MAINLAND WATER WORKS

Reservoir	1934	1935
Kowloon Main	Level	352.50
Kowloon Byewash	8' 4"	153.34
Shek Li Pui	1' 1"	111.87
Shing Mun Reception Level	33.15	9' 11"
Total Storage	651.16	573.12

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions of gallons during the month of December.

	1933	1934
Consumption	181.60	195.48 Million gallons
Estimated population	321,800	335,600
Consumption per head per day	18.2	18.8 Gallons

Constant supply in all districts during December 1933 and 1934.

The reports of the Government Bacteriologist and Analyst show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall recorded by Royal Observatory from 1.1.33 to 31.12.33: 82.345; and from 1.1.34 to 31.12.34: 97.665.

PASSENGERS

P. & O. s.s. Rawalpindi

The list of passengers who arrived on the s.s. Rawalpindi yesterday from London and ports included:—Mr. and Mrs. R. Russell, Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bell, Mr. H. J. Beasley, Mrs. L. G. Bird, Mrs. M. F. Bonny, Mr. F. Crapnell, Miss O. Crapnell, Miss V. Crapnell, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards and child, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Easterbrook, Mr. L. B. Edwards, Dr. and Mrs. G. V. Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Howard, Mrs. L. B. Holmes and child, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hayward and child, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Lambert, Mrs. W. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Martin, and infant and child, Miss E. Jakes, Mr. H. and Lady Pollock, Mr. A. W. Smith, Mr. V. J. Smith, Mrs. F. M. Page, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Grigor, Mr. E. Burney, Miss I. Walbroth, Miss Gibbs, Mr. D. M. Priestley, Mrs. R. F. Haworth, Mr. and Mrs. Yui, Tay and children, Capt. and Mrs. Dent, Miss M. F. Connor, Mrs. L. A. and Miss D. A. d'Engelbronner, Dr. and Mrs. G. Russell and infant, Miss A. Orred, Mr. and Mrs. Paramor, Miss E. Lan Hey Shing, Miss F. Lau, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Harrison, Lt. de Costa, Dr. E. W. Evans, Mr. L. H. Kirpalani, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Langston, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wallis, Mrs. S. Murnane and child, Mr. H. F. Mills, Mrs. F. du Santoy, Dr. and Mrs. Lawrie and child, Mr. Chan Chee Ping, Mr. C. dos Capitulo, Mr. J. Rodriguez, Mr. M. Cardoso, Mr. A. L. Ferreira, Mr. A. Alrosa, Mr. F. N. da Silva, Mr. J. N. da Silva, Mr. L. da Costa, Mr. F. Ramalho, Mr. H. do Rosario, Mr. P. Angelo (Mr.), Mr. A. Angelo, Mr. Silva, Mr. L. Rodriguez, Mr. J. dos S. Ferreira, Miss Bach, Mr. G. A. Frey, Mr. G. H. Elliott, Miss O. Lang, Mr. W. Watson, Rev. Canon D. Howard, Miss Campion, Miss Rice, Mrs. Commissariat, Miss D. Harding, Col. J. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Andrews and child, Mr. D. C. Commissariat, Miss F. P. Karanjia, Mrs. B. P. Karanjia.

S.S. Taiyo Maru

Passengers who arrived on board the Taiyo Maru from Los Angeles via Japan ports yesterday included:—Mr. S. Brill, Mr. C. G. Gadow, Mr. S. G. Corley, Mrs. J. M. Corley, Master C. M. Corley, Miss S. V. Corley, Mr. V. Morgado, Mrs. A. Morgado, Mr. C. C. Shatter, Mr. T. P. Shatter, Mr. S. Ballour, Mrs. A. Ballour, Mrs. Chiu Chiang Shue, Mr. C. E. Desmond, Mr. T. W. Pike, Mr. K. Fukune, Mrs. E. Fukune, Master N. Fukune, Mr. T. Imai, Mr. M. K. Matsu.

AIR LINK TO HONG KONG

(Continued from Page 7)

Since that date and more particularly in recent years in order to conform more nearly to accepted modern standards, it has been found necessary to make numerous amendments in relation to both sanitation and constructional matters.

The existing Ordinance as the title indicates deals both with Public Health and the construction of buildings. It has now been considered desirable that these services should be dealt with under a number of separate Ordinances.

In the Bill under consideration opportunity is taken to revise throughout the building laws of the Colony.

The proposals in draft form were submitted to a Body of Architects for comments. The criticisms of this Body were carefully considered and amendments were made, the individual members signifying their general approval of the final draft.

Modern Practices. Particular regard is paid to the requirements of open space in the light of modern hygienic practice, and it will be appreciated that although sacrifices are required, these are not greater than are deemed essential to place the city on a basis comparable with the minimum requirements of other cities. The principle, recognised in the existing Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, of sympathetic treatment for lots purchased prior to that Ordinance, is retained. Sections Nos. 81 to 88 of the Bill deal with this subject.

In Sections 87 and 88 important revisions are proposed in the matter of heights of buildings. The principal feature of these sections is the general reduction in height of the wall plate level and the compensating increase in the maximum height of the roof line. These revisions permit of improved lighting to streets and open spaces without causing reduction in the cubical contents of buildings. As in the case of open space sympathetic consideration is given to buildings on lots leased prior to 1903.

Although there are many other minor alterations, the remainder of the Bill substantially follows the existing Ordinance.

With these remarks Your Excellency, I beg to move the first reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary: I beg to second.

The Bill passed its first reading.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE.

The Hon. Sir William Shenton in moving the first reading of "A Bill to further and protect the activities in Hong Kong of the St. John Ambulance Association and the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas and to incorporate the Director for the time being of the Ambulance Department of the Order of St. John in Hong Kong and the Treasurer and Secretary for the time being of the Hong Kong Branch of the St. John Ambulance Association as Custodian Trustees," said:—The St. John Ambulance Association is a foundation of an Order at present designated the Grand Priory in the British Realm of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John Jerusalem and is incorporated by Royal Charter.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas is a subsidiary of that Order.

A Branch of the Association was established in Hong Kong in the year 1884 and a District of the Brigade in the year 1916.

The work of the Association is to train and certify pupils in the principles of first aid and nursing and that of the Brigade to organise them on efficient lines when certified.

The success which the work of the Order in Hong Kong has met with is so well known that it is unnecessary to enter into any details of it; the results speak for themselves.

The organisation has acquired property both moveable and immovable in this Colony and will acquire more from time to time.

The object of the proposed Ordinance is threefold: first to prevent unauthorised persons from holding themselves out as qualified members of the Order Association or Brigade, secondly to incorporate the Director, Treasurer and Secretary, and so obtain greater uniformity of council and staff and to ensure perpetual succession and thirdly to take over all moveable and immovable property now belonging to the Association in this Colony.

The proposed Bill has been drafted by the legal officers of

BRITISH EMPIRE CANCER CAMPAIGN

World-Wide Response To Appeal

A copy has just been received in Hong Kong of the Report presented by Professor W. S. Lazarus-Barlow, Chairman of the Appeal Fund Committee, to the Grand Council of the Campaign at its Annual General Meeting.

In summing up the Chairman said: "I have reason to believe that the Empire Day Appeal 1934, when its accounts are closed, will show in round figures that a sum of £60,000 has been raised at a cost of £6,000, or 10%."

Contributions outside the British Isles have been received from Palestine, East Africa, Roumania, Belgium, West Indies, France, Azores, Sweden, Germany, Trans-Jordan, Japan, Italy, Arabia, Persia, Sicily, Egypt, South Africa, Nyasaland, Hong Kong, China, Sudan, West Africa, Estonia, Denmark, South America, Straits Settlements and Basutoland.

It is satisfactory for Hong Kong helpers to note that the contribution from Hong Kong, amounting to about £500, was the largest overseas donation sent to the Fund.

The B.B.C. Wireless Appeal by Lord Moynton brought in one of the largest sums, £5,330 being

subscribed, and donations came in answer to that appeal from places as far away as Queensland and South America.

The financial result of the Campaign's first effort on a national scale, when so much preliminary spadework was necessary, is very encouraging for the future, and it could not have been achieved without the help, freely given, of innumerable voluntary workers, whose work was none the less valuable although they cannot be mentioned individually.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York has sent a letter of thanks to all who helped in the Campaign, and this is to be published as part of the Annual Report.

As to the members of the Appeal, the General and Financial Staffs of the Campaign, the result of the Campaign and the comparatively low cost bear witness to the excellence of the work they have done.

The thanks of the Appeal Committee are given to all helpers in Hong Kong and to all those who so generously subscribed and helped to make the Campaign an outstanding success.

the Order in England and has been approved by the Honourable Attorney General of this Colony. The bill passed its first reading after it had been seconded by the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall.

THE CHEERO CLUB

Sir William Shenton then moved the first reading of "A Bill to provide for the incorporation of the Cheero Club of Hong Kong." He said:—

I rise to move the first reading of a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Cheero Club of Hong Kong." In the first place I would draw Honourable Members' attention to certain alterations which have been made in clauses 1 and 3 of the Objects and Reasons.

In clause 1, fourth line the words "its head office in London" have been struck out and in place thereof the following words have been substituted: "The English National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association."

In clause 3, first line the word "three" has been struck out, in the second line the words "three other" have been struck out and in place thereof the following words have been substituted: "later were added." In the third line the words "appointed by" have been struck out and in place thereof the following word has been substituted: "representing" and in the fourth line the words "assisted by" have been struck out and in place thereof the following words have been substituted: "and the Chairman of the."

The Cheero Club had its origin in 1927 when the Young Men's Christian Association in Hong Kong was requested by the English National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association to provide additional facilities for the entertainment and recreation of His Majesty's Forces in the Colony of Hong Kong by reason of the Sha Force Expedition.

The original Committee consisted of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association and later were added members representing the general public of Hong Kong together with the Chairman of the Ladies Committee, a Ladies Committee having been appointed.

The Cheero Club has from time to time been carried on in various premises in the Colony and in response to an appeal for funds initiated by Lady Peel, to which there was a generous response, it has been found possible to erect premises for the Club on a site which has been granted by Government at the corner of Murray Parade Ground which has been handed back to the Government by the Secretary of State for War.

The main idea for which the General Committee is to be incorporated is for the purpose of insuring perpetual succession. The purposes of the Club when incorporated will be to promote and carry out in the Colony of Hong Kong the following objects:—

- To maintain and carry on the Cheero Club, Hong Kong.
- To provide facilities for

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Attorney General and the Bill has been approved by him. I move the first reading of the first time.

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DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS

Hong Kong Stock Exchange Sharebrokers' Association

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10.							
Buyers	Sellers	Shares	Prices	Buyers	Sellers	Shares	Prices
Banks							
H.K. Banks			\$1,693				
Chartered Bank			2130				
Mercantile Bank			2130				
Bank of East Asia			2130				
N. O. & S. Bank			2130				
Am. O. Fin. Corp.			2130				
Ch. Fin. Corp.			2130				
Do. Prof. S.			2130				
Insurance							
Canton Insurance			2130				
Underwriters			2130				
Union Insurance			2130				
China Fire			2130				
H.K. Fire			2130				
International Assoc. S.			2130				
Shipping							
Douglas			2130				
Steamboats			2130				
Indos (pref.)			2130				
Do. (def.)			2130				
Shells			2130				
Waterboats			2130				
Mining							
Antamoks			2130				
Balatoos			2130				
Bangui Gold			2130				
Bangui Consolidated			2130				
Do. Exploration			2130				
Do. Goldfield			2130				
Big Wedge			2130				
Gold River			2130				
Gold Creek			2130				
United Paracales			2130				
Salacot Mining			2130				
Ipo Mining			2130				
Itogons			2130				
Kallans			2130				
Langkats (single) S.			2130				
Explorations S.			2130				
Shanghai Loans S.			2130				
Haabs			2130				
Venezuela Gold Fld.			2130				
Docks, Wharves, etc.			2130				
H.K. & K. Wharves			2130				
Providents (old)			2130				
Do. (new)			2130				
H.K. & W. Docks			2130				
S. China Motors			2130				
Shanghai Docks S.			2130				
New Engineering S.			2130				
Hongkows			2130				
Lands, Hotels, and Buildings			2130				
H.K. Hotels			2130				
H.K. Lands			2130				
Do. 47 Debentures			2130				
Shanghai Lands			2130				
Metropolitan Lands			2130				
H.K. Realities			2130				
China Do.			2130				
Do. Debentures			2130				
Humphreys			2130				
New Asia Hotel			2130				
Asia Realities			2130				
Do. "B" S.			2130				
Chinese Estates			2130				
Cotton Mills			2130				
Ewos			2130				
Shui Cottons (old)			2130				
Do. (new)			2130				
Zoong Sings			2130				
Wing On Textiles (S.)			2130				
Fublie Utilities			2130				
Tramways			2130				
Peak Trams (old)			2130				
Do. (new)			2130				
Star Ferris			2130				
Kanmai Ferris			2130				
China Lights (old)			2130				
Do. (new)			2130				
H.K. Electric			2130				
Macao do.			2130				
Sandakan Lights			2130				
Telephones (old)			2130				
Do. (new)			2130				
China Buses			2130				
Traction			2130				
Do. (pref.)			2130				
Industrial			2130				
Malabon Sugars			2130				
Caldbeck, (ord.) S.			2130				
Macgregors (pref.) S.			2130				
Canton Ice			2130				
Cements			2130				
Ropes			2130				
Miscellaneous			2130				
Dairy Farms			2130				
Der A. Wings			2130				
Amusements			2130				
Ch. Staircases			2130				
Constructions (old)			2130				
Do. (new)			2130				
Lane Crawford			2130				
Macintosh			2130				
Nanyang Tobacco			2130				
Sincere			2130				
Watsons			2130				
Wm. Powells			2130				
M. Greyhounds			2130				
S. O. Enterprises			2130				
United Theatres S.			2130				
Ch. G. 5/1925 G. S. Bda			2130				
H.K. Govt. 4% Loans			2130				
Do. 2 1/2%			2130				
Wallace Harper			2130				
H.K. Wing On			2130				
Shai			2130				
Vibro Filcing			2130				

H.K. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, \$80.
Underwriters, \$120.
Unions, \$500.
Douglases, \$39.
Antamoks, 88 cts.
Gold Rivers, 20 1/2 cts.
United Paracales, 24 cts.
Wharves, \$110.
Yaumatei Ferries, \$22.
Electric, \$72.
Cements, \$1.85.
Dairy Farms, \$24.
Lane Crawford's, \$34.
Watsons, \$4.20.
Gold & Bonds, 90 per cent.
Govt. Loan 3 1/2 per cent, 2 per cent.
Banks, \$1.610.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

The Blue Funnel Line s.s. Maron will arrive from Manila to-day.

The Blue Funnel Line s.s. Trollius will arrive from Singapore on 15th instant.

Antamoks, 88 cts.
Gold Rivers, 21 1/2 cts.
Lands, \$3.
Telephones (Old), \$25.
Cements, \$1.95.
Dairy Farms, \$24.

Antamoks, 88 cts.
Wharves, \$110.

STATEMENT ON CUSTOMS REVENUE FOR 1934

Nanking, December 31.
The Ministry of Finance authorise publication of the following information relative to the Customs Revenue for the year 1934:—

COLLECTION

The Customs Revenue for 1934, composed of Import and Export duties, Interport Duty and Interport Surtax, Tonnage Dues, Flood Relief Surtax, and Revenue Surtax, amounted to \$334,600,000, approximately, as compared with \$339,500,000 for 1933.

The contributions made by each category of duty towards this total, as well as the corresponding figures for 1933, are shown below:

	1934	1933
IMPORT DUTY: C.G.U.	132,700,000	135,783,000
Export Duty	\$ 24,700,000	\$ 23,245,000
Interport Duty and Interport Surtax	\$ 16,900,000	\$ 18,003,000
Tonnage Dues	\$ 4,300,000	\$ 4,402,000
Flood Relief Surtax		
On Import Duty C.G.U.	6,600,000	6,586,000
On Export Duty	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,250,000
Revenue Surtax		
On Import Duty C.G.U.	6,600,000	6,583,000
On Export Duty	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,248,000

Of the total import duty collection of C.G.U. 132,700,000, 83 per cent, was collected in actual gold unit drafts or notes. The balance was collected in silver according to exchange rates ruling on the date of payment of duty.

The total collections made at each of the principal revenue producing ports during the year 1934, also the amount of the increase or decrease which these totals represent as compared with the collection for 1933, are as follows:

Port	Collection 1934	Increase Over 1933	Decrease
Shanghai	175,400,000	\$ -300,000	
Tientsin	41,100,000	700,000	
Kiaochow	20,200,000	2,400,000	
Hankow	19,400,000	1,000,000	
Canton	8,000,000	3,000,000	
Kowloon	7,500,000	800,000	
Swatow	5,800,000	2,100,000	
Amoy	5,500,000	400,000	

FOREIGN LOANS

The service (1) of the Anglo-German loan of 1898, (2) of the Boxer Indemnity obligations, and (3) of the 1913 Reorganisation Loan has been met in full from the Customs revenue during the year at a cost of \$75,414,347.81, as compared with \$85,742,482.36 expended on foreign loan and indemnity account during the previous year.

The obligations due in respect of amortization and interest on the American Wheat and Flour Loan of 1931, amounting in all to U.S.\$3,439,455.24, have been met in full from the collection of Flood Relief Surtax at a total cost of \$9,890,615.07. In addition, interest due during the year on the American Cotton and Wheat Loan of 1933 was paid, at a cost of \$1,714,023.75, from the proceeds of the Flood Relief Surtax that had been set aside for this purpose during the year 1933.

INTERNAL LOANS

In accordance with the terms of

the Government's Mandate of February 24, 1932, relative to internal loans, the sum of \$8,500,000 has been paid monthly to the account of the National Loans Sinking Fund Administrative Commission to cover amortization and interest charges of the internal consolidated debt secured on the Customs Revenue. In addition, the service (interest and amortization) of the 22nd Year (1933) and 23rd Year (1934) Customs Treasury Note Issues has been met in full from Customs Revenue, at a total cost of \$29,415,000.

MANCHURIAN PORTS

It should be noted that subsequent to the seizure in mid-1932 of the Customs establishments at the Manchurian ports, no quota has been made available to the Government from that region, or from Dairen, towards the payment of the various loan and indemnity obligations secured on the Customs revenue.

Kuo Min.

S.S. SCHARNHORST

Some Special Passenger Features

Below are some features of the passenger and cargo steamer "Scharnhorst" which was launched at the yards of the Deschimag-Werft Act. Ges. "Weser" on the 14th December 1934. There are excellent appointments for the conveyance of 300 passengers all told in the 1st class and Tourist-class. For those passengers travelling 1st class there is an open-air swimming-pool on the sun-deck with a 100 ft. deck-space, in the immediate vicinity of which is a gymnasium and bar. Besides this, space has been set aside on the sun-deck for the children to play in, and yet further space to serve as a resting-place. For those not desiring to take part in the games on the wide sports-deck, there is a verandah cafe, whence one can follow the games over a quiet cup of coffee, tea or other refreshment. The foremost side of the promenade deck is taken up by the large social hall. Annexed to this is the spacious smoking-room, to the one side of which is a bar, and to the other a writing-room with library. Access from deck to the dining-room situated at the aft of the promenade deck is gained by means of folding doors on either side, so that passengers may partake of their meals on the promenade deck as it were. This is a new feature to the hitherto usual ship's appointments. The "Tourist-class" too, on the "Scharnhorst" will have a social hall, dining-room, ladies' drawing-room and children's play-room, also an open-air swimming-pool and playground for children. All the appointments are such as is demanded of a ship engaged on voyages to the tropics and this has been borne in mind particularly in respect to the location, size and furnishing of cabins in both classes.

THE CIRCUS AT OLYMPIA

Talent From All Quarters

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Dec. 23.

One imagines that an appearance at Olympia must be a sort of universal passport in the circus world, after which the ringmaster need give no further proofs. Mr. Bertram Mills seems to have scoured the world for artists to make us laugh or quake; there are performers from Canada, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, England, France, Holland, Italy, Portugal, Russia, and the United States, and every one a master. People were saying as they left to-day after the opening performance that this year's circus was even better than before.

The turn which made audiences gasp to-day was a terrifying performance by Albert, a Frenchman who was brought up as a trapeze artist but apparently found it too easy. Nowadays he ascends a long, pointed pole, which sways horribly, proceeds to go long arm balances on it and makes it rock, and ends by alighting head first down the pole at almost falling speed, only to check himself within a few feet of the ground. The three Russians also do very tricks on the top of long poles, but at least they do not look as if they were going to fly off at any minute into the audience.

Contestants from China. The best of the purely fantastic and unnatural performers are the Lat Foun troupe of Chinese contortionists, who are also superb jugglers. They carry contortion so far that one can watch the whole process closely. It is difficult to tell which is back and which is front, when a small Chinese

LATE NIGHT CABLES

The following cables were received last night by the American Oriental Finance Corporation and Messrs. S. E. Levy & Co.:—

London Forecast

Stocks: Wall Street on the whole is expected to be quiet, but some specialties are likely to improve owing to the better outlook. Rubber: Rubber should be a little lower.

Wheat: Wheat will also be slightly lower, but is fundamentally sound. Brokers are bullish.

Cotton: Cotton is expected to be steady but traders may be cautious pending the decision of the gold clause case, which at present is absorbing the attention of all markets.

A.O.F.C. New York Cables

Stocks: The opening was even light and featureless.

Cotton: The Liverpool and Domestic trade were buying moderately. There were also hedge selling and additional liquidation. The tone was fairly steady.

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS

Appear on Page 4.

S.E. Levy & Co.'s

Cables

The following cabled reports were furnished by Messrs. S. E. Levy & Co. last night.

London Silver: Spot, 24 9/16, unchanged; Forward, 24 11/16, unchanged.

London Silver Comment: American bought. Speculators bought and sold. Business small.

CONSTABLE'S BEARD

PULLED

"I just happened to lay my hand on the constable's beard," said Cheng King when he was charged before Mr. Wynne-Jones at Central Magistracy yesterday with hawking cigarettes without a licence and with assaulting Indian Constable 703.

Inspector Dredge said that about 4.40 p.m. on Wednesday the constable saw the defendant make cigarettes and sell them. He arrested defendant who resisted and refused to carry his bag to the station. The defendant also tried to escape on the way, and struggled with the constable and pulled his beard. Sub-Inspector Chester-Wood happened to arrive on the scene then, and saw the defendant pull the constable's beard.

Sub-Inspector Chester-Wood said the defendant grabbed hold of the constable's beard three times.

Defendant: I just happened to lay my hand on the constable's beard.

Sub-Inspector Dredge further stated that there were tears in the constable's eyes when he arrived at the station.

Mr. Wynne-Jones: You must not pull constables' beards. It is not done.

Mr. Wynne-Jones imposed a fine of \$4 or, in default, five days hard labour on the first charge, and \$15 or, in default, three weeks for pulling the constable's beard.

girl first does the splits on a table, then twists her legs up and behind her so that both feet are in the small of her back. And then, still in this position, jumps off the table on to the ground, the fact almost destroys itself by its own virtuosity. One loses the sense that this is a human being.

The hundreds of children in the audience screamed with joy at some brilliant Dutch tumblers, a pair of negro clowns who do an admirable boxing act, and the familiar Bronetti Brothers, who throw buckets of water at each other. And if horror and laughter and amazement are not enough, there is the skilful and beautiful performance of the Three Concellos on the trapeze. They are two American brothers and a Canadian girl. They have never played in England before, and they are unique in staying on the programme that they "have never appeared before royalty," presidents or any other potentates.

The loss is a royal one. The lovely swoop of the bright girl against the dark roof of the tent, the quick shadow of the somersaulting body in mid-air, the long swing and return, and the final pose at the top of the tent, will be the memories of the year's circus which many people will keep longest.

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THE EXCHANGE MARKET

MESSRS. ROZA BROS.

Silver prices recovered 1/4 for both deliveries in the London market yesterday. Ready to 24 9/16 and Forward to 24 11/16. The rise was attributed to speculative purchases and also purchases for account of America and in a measure to small offerings. A steady tone was advised at the close indicating further support on the part of America. In New York the price of silver was 54 1/2 cents.

Sterling opened in New York at 49 1/2 and closed at 49 3/4.

Opened with a hesitant tone which alternated between firmness and a less robust tone, but towards closing time the market appeared on the firm side.

Sterling

Opening market indications were 1/9 1/32 sellers with small business done for near delivery at 1/9 1/16. Subsequently offers at 1/9 3/32 were accepted for near delivery followed by transactions at 1/9 1/16 for March and 1/9 5/32 for April. Later the market appeared less robust, and 1/9 3/32 was done for February and 1/9 5/32 for second half of April. Towards 1 p.m. business was again done at 1/9 3/32 for cash, 1/9 1/16 March and 1/9 5/32 April, closing with sellers at 1/9 1/16 January and 1/9 3/32 February/March. Buyers at 1/9 1/16 January/February and probably March.

U.S. Dollars
There were sellers after the opening at 43 1/2, leading to business at 43 3/16 for cash, 43 1/2 for February and 43 5/16 for March. Later offers at 43 5/16 were accepted for April delivery closing at 1 p.m. with sellers at 43 3/16 January, 43 1/2 February and 43 5/16 March. Buyers at 1/16 higher respectively.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at 123 1/2 for cash.

Shanghai Market

Early indications reported the market at 1/4 15/16 sellers for near but the rate gradually rose to 1/5 1/16 sellers for near delivery. The forward rate was quoted at 1/4 1/2. U.S. Dollars—sellers were quoted early in the morning at 34 13/16, but the selling rate gradually rose to 35 for near and 34 1/2 for forward. The market was very steady.

IN THE AFTERNOON

The market was quite in the afternoon, the tone being a shade steadier.

Sterling

In Sterling business was done at 1/9 1/32 for January, second half January and also February finishing with sellers at 1/9 3/32 January/February and 1/9 5/32 March. Buyers at 1/9 1/16 January/February and 1/9 5/32 March.

U.S. Dollars

Business was done at 43 5/16 for second half January. The market closed with sellers at 43 1/2 January, 43 5/16 February and 43 1/2 March. Buyers at 1/16 higher respectively.

Shanghai Market

The market closed steady with sellers for Sterling at 1/5 1/16 for near and buyers at 1/5 1/16. U.S. Dollars—sellers at 33 for cash. Buyers probably at 35 1/16 January.

H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE

THURSDAY'S OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

Conditions were quiet all day. Lands were dealt in at \$52, afterwards being placed at \$52. Electricity came to business at \$73. Kowloon Wharves at \$11 and Ewos at \$8.50 were enquired for.

BUYERS

Union Insurance, \$500.
Underwriters, \$11.
Antismoke, 39 cts.
Balaloca, 38.
Gold Creek, 37 cts.
Gold River, 21 cts.
Wharves, \$11.
Ewo Cottons, \$8.50.

H.K. Lands, 4 per cent. Debentures, 100.
H.K. Trams, \$20.
Electric, \$72.
Singapore Tractions, 6.
Cements, \$1.90.
Constructions (New), 35 cts.
Govt. 4 per cent. Loan, 2 1/2 per cent. Prem.
Govt. 5 1/2 per cent. Loan, 2 1/2 per cent. Prem.

SELLERS
H.K. Banks, \$1.20.
Bagato Gold, \$5 cts.
Bank of Communications, 20 cts.
Hotels, \$5.
H.K. Lands, \$52.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

On	Sterling Parity	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.
Amsterdam	15.10 Florins	7.24 1/2	7.25 1/2
Athens	375 Drachmas		530 S.
Belgrade	270,316 Dinars		216
Berlin	20.48 Marks	12.20	12.23
Bombay	1s. 6d. per Rupee		
Brussels	30 Belgas	20.92	20.97
Bucharest	813,568 Lei		487 1/2
Buenos Aires	47.964 per Peco		
Copenhagen	12.106 Kroner		
Geneva	25.224 Francs	15.12	15.15
Helsingfors	183.23 Marks		
Hongkong			
Lisbon	110 Escudos		
Madrid	25.224 Pesetas		
Milan	92.46 Lire	57 9/32	57 13/32
Montevideo	50.36d. per Peco	4.89 1/2	394 S.O.
Montreal	4.867 Dollars	4.91 1/2	4.89 1/2
New York	4.867 Dollars		4.89 1/2
Oslo	13.156 Kroner	74 7/32	74 1/2
Paris	194.21 Francs	117 3/16	117 1/2
Prague	184.25 Kronen		
Rio de Janeiro	26.93d. per Gold Milreis		
Shanghai		1/4 1/2	
Stockholm	13.156 Kroner		
Vienna	34.561 Schillings		
Yokohama	24.56d. per Yen		
Silver (spot)		24 5/16	24 9/16
Silver (forward)		24 7/16	24 11/16
War Loan		34 1/2 100 1/2	34 1/2 100 1/2

Closing Quotations

On	January 10, 1935	On	New York
Telegraphic Transfer	1 1/2	Bank Bills, on demand	43 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	1 1/2	Credit, 60 days' sight	43 1/2
Bank Bills, 4 months	1 1/2	On demand	6 1/2
Bank Bills, 6 months	1 1/2	On demand	6 1/2
Credit, four months	1 1/2	Bank Bills, on demand	640
Credit, six months	1 1/2	Credit, 4 months' sight	670
On SHANGHAI	12 1/2	On demand	84
On SINGAPORE	12 1/2	On demand	84
On demand	12 1/2	On demand	84
On JAPAN	12 1/2	On demand	84
On demand	12 1/2	On demand	84
On INDIA	12 1/2	On demand	84
Telegraphic Transfer	11 1/2	Sovereigns, Bank Buying	107 1/2
Bank, on demand	11 1/2	Rate	107 1/2
		Bar Silver, per oz.	24 9/16

STRAITS MARKET QUOTATIONS

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co. have received the following quotations from Singapore dated January 4, 1935, on Tin and Rubber shares: Prices in Straits Currency.

MINING

Buyers	Sellers
Johans	29 cts
Kuchais	34 cts
Mambaus	63 cts
Nawang Peta	91 cts

S. Luas

S. Kintas	4.40	4.50
U. Kiangs	1.20	1.25
Jelebu Tin	1.02	1.05
Lingul	1.20	1.25
Lukuts	1.00	1.05
Tromohs	15/-	15/8
Pahang Con.	8/6	9/6

RUBBERS

Alor Gajahs	1.60	1.65
Ayer Panas	1.90	2.00
Ayer Moleks	1.10	1.20
Bassetts	.75 cts	.80 cts
Brogas	.85 cts	1.00
Glencays	2.15 cd	2.20 cd
Indragiris	1.25 cd	1.32 1/2
Malaka Pindas	1.62 1/2	1.67 1/2
Mentakabs	.45 cts	.49 cts
New Scudals	1.90	1.95
Nyalas	1.25	1.30
Pungors	.35 cts	.40 cts
S. Tukangs	1.20	1.25
Sandycrofts	1.30	1.37 1/2
T. Ansons	1.47 cd	1.54 cd
Tapahs	2.15	2.22 1/2
Tambalaks	.87 cts	.92 cts
Unt. Malaccas	1.92 1/2	1.97 1/2
U. Benuts	.56 cts	.58 cts
Kempas	3.05	
Pajama	2.15	2.20
Kluangs	5.30	5.50

Quotations by Wire received yesterday:—

Singapore Tractor Ord., 8 1/2

Malaka Pindas, 1.65 buyers; 1.70

New Scudals, 1.92 buyers; 1.97

sellers.

REICHSMARK QUOTATIONS

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Berlin, Jan. 9.

The Reichsbank return dated January 7 published on Wednesday shows considerable shrinkage in the amount of credit issued, this indicating that the stress arising as usual out of the Christmas season has been successfully overcome. Goldstock was same as before, that is 78.1 million Reichsmarks, while foreign currency reserves increased by 0.1 million to 4.7 million, making a total increase in note cover of 0.1 million to 8.8 million Reichsmarks. Note issue declined 216.1 million to 3684.5 million Reichsmarks. The amount of credit issued as measured by bills, cheques, investments and advances declined 485.4 million to 4044.5 million Reichsmarks.

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Berlin, Jan. 9.

Reichsmark quotations (without guarantee):—

New York 40.25 || Paris | 608.10 |
Amsterdam	58.37
Paris Sterling	74.20
Dollar	15.1175

Transocean Kuo Min

Constructions (Old), 32

Constructions (New), 70 cts

SALES

Antismoke, 31 cts

Bagato Gold, 25 1/2 cts

H.K. Lands, \$52

China Trunks, \$10.45

Electric, \$72

Cements, \$1.90

Constructions, \$1.90

Govt. 4 per cent. Loan, 2 1/2 per cent. Prem.

Govt. 5 1/2 per cent. Loan, 2 1/2 per cent. Prem.

Union Insurance, \$500

Underwriters, \$11

Antismoke, 39 cts

Balaloca, 38

Gold Creek, 37 cts

Gold River, 21 cts

Wharves, \$11

Ewo Cottons, \$8.50

H.K. Lands, 4 per cent. Debentures, 100

H.K. Trams, \$20

Electric, \$72

Singapore Tractions, 6

Cements, \$1.90

Constructions (New), 35 cts

Govt. 4 per cent. Loan, 2 1/2 per cent. Prem.

Govt. 5 1/2 per cent. Loan, 2 1/2 per cent. Prem.

Union Insurance, \$500

Underwriters, \$11

Antismoke, 39 cts

Balaloca, 38

Gold Creek, 37 cts

Gold River, 21 cts

Wharves, \$11

Ewo Cottons, \$8.50

H.K. Lands, 4 per cent. Debentures, 100

H.K. Trams, \$20

Electric, \$72

Cements, \$1.90

Constructions, \$1.90

Govt. 4 per cent. Loan, 2 1/2 per cent. Prem.

Govt. 5 1/2 per cent. Loan, 2 1/2 per cent. Prem.

Union Insurance, \$500

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H.K. Trams, \$20

Electric, \$72

Cements, \$1.90

Constructions, \$1.90

Govt. 4 per cent. Loan, 2 1/2 per cent. Prem.

Govt. 5 1/2 per cent. Loan, 2 1/2 per cent. Prem.

Union Insurance, \$500

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